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Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford bound on

Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

At 10 P.M. Pilot come on board, got our Ancon and beat out of the harbor with a fine breeze from S.W. the day ends working out

Friday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

This twentyfour hours begins with fresh breezes from S.W. all hands employed in working ship and stowing Ancons at Sundown monans land bore E. distance about 12 miles later part corae S. E. by S all sail set

Saturday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with fine breeze from N.W. weather pleasant. course S. E. by S. all sail set hands employed at fitting Boat &c at 8 A.M. spoke English Brig & light from Sandemingo. middle part wind shifted to N. later part wind from E. S. E. ship heading South by Compass. hands employed at fitting Boats & setting up rigging nothing in sight

Lat by Obs  $38^{\circ} 18' N$   
Long by Chronometer  $68^{\circ} 08' W$

Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours commences with lite wind from E. S. E. ship heading S. by Compass, all sail set nothing in sight men employed at brakeing out. Tow Line middle part wind haled to N. then to E. and to S. at 1 P.M. tacked ship heading E. by the wind all sail set later part fresh breezes from S.W. at 11 P.M. took in lite sails & double reefed the topsails

Lat  $38^{\circ} 20' N$   
Long  $64^{\circ} 49' W$



a Whaling Voyeg R Pontius Master

Monday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours fresh gail from S W. and rough sea  
Ship under duble reefs & courses & Sib nothing  
in sight. hands imployed on the regin  
Ship hedding E. S. E. by the wind

Lat by obs  $38^{\circ}50'$  North  
Long by Chro  $62^{\circ}29'$  W

Tuesday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fres gail from S. & heavy Sea  
Ship hedding E. S. E. duble reefed topsails  
set. middle part mutch the Saim. later  
port Squaley, two Saile in sight Steorning  
the Saim. The day ends with increaseng  
gail. hands imployed at Ships duty

Lat by obs  $39^{\circ}00'$  North  
Long by Chro  $59^{\circ}22'$  West

Wednesday Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

First part Strong gail from South  
& heavy Sea. at 4 A M clost reefed  
topsails & firded the foresail. wether  
hoveing a threatening apperence Middle  
part firded portopsail & hove the Ship too  
under clostreafed maintopsail & Spencers  
later fird mutch the Saim the day ends  
Ship heading E by S. nothing in sight  
men at Ships duty

Lat by obs  $38^{\circ}56'$  North  
Long by Chro  $55^{\circ}27'$  West



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Bound

Thursday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

Remarks on board. This 24 hours commences with strong gale from S. & Squales of rain ship heading E by S. close reefed maintopsail &c. at 4 A.M. wore ship heading W. S. W. & set the fore topsail close reefed. wind continuing to westward at 5 P.M. set all sail wind from N.W. wether moderate course S.E. nothing in sight Men at Ships duty

Lat by obs  $38^{\circ} 34'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $54^{\circ} 41'$  W

Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours commences with lite wind from N.W. & pleasant wether course S.E. all sail set nothing in sight Men at work on regein & other jobs on the ship middle part wether much the same later part wind from N.W. & lit. the day ends lite wind from N.W. & pleasant wether

Lat by obs  $39^{\circ} 44'$  North  
Long by Chro  $55^{\circ} 43'$  West

Saturday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from N.W. & pleasant wether. one sail in sight steaming to the N.E. middle & later part much the same the day ends with lite breezes from N.W. & pleasant wether, nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $39^{\circ} 00'$  N.  
Long by Chronom  $53^{\circ} 40'$



on a Whaling Voyage. R. Pontius, Master 1863

Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Remarks on board first part moderate breezes from N.W. wether clear & pleasant, see one ship steering to the N.E. middle part wether much the same, later part wind increased some & continued to W.N.W. the day ends steering S.E. all drawing sail set. Frank Ross. off duty Sick

Lat by obs  $36^{\circ} 18'$  North  
Long by Chronometers  $52^{\circ} 05'$  West

Monday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Begins with fine breezes from W.N.W. & wether pleasant. with passing clouds. See a Schooner standing to the S.W. middle part wether much the same, later part wind increased some & wether hazy, see a brig steering South, the day ends course S.E. men employed at bracing out water & overhauling cutting gear. A. Bernam. off duty Sick

Frank Ross off duty Sick

Lat by obs  $35^{\circ} 00'$  North  
Long by Chron  $49^{\circ} 23'$  West

Tuesday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

Remarks on board, first part of this 24 hours a fine breeze from W. by N. course S.E. all drawing sail set. nothing in sight middle part wind from N. squalls of rain later part wind from N.E. & strong breeze course S.E. all sail set. nothing in sight men employed on rigging

A. Gay. off duty Sick

Frank Ross on duty

Lat obs  $37^{\circ} 20'$  North  
Long  $45^{\circ} 51'$  West



Log Book of the Bark E. Swift Bound

Wednesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

Remarks on board. This 24 hours first  
& middle parts lite baffeling wind from  
N.N.E. to E.N.E. Course S.E. all sail set  
later part fine all sail breez. from N.E.  
men imployed at Ships duty. Bent up  
cutting Pennents, cooper makeing buckets  
Gay, off duty Sick

Lat by obs  $31^{\circ}45'$  North  
Long by Chron  $42^{\circ}48'$  West

Thursday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with fresh breezes from  
N.E. with Squalls. high roaling sea  
from that board. at 5 P.M. took in  
main voil & foretopgaleent sail  
nothing in sight. middle part lite baffeling  
wind from N to E. all sail set  
later part calm, with a high roaling sea  
men imployed at Ships duty nothing in sight  
Gay off duty Sick

Lat by obs  $30^{\circ}46'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $40^{\circ}25'$

Friday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with lite airs from N.W. a heavy  
ground swell from N.E. Ship with all sail  
set. course S.E. nothing in sight. middle  
& later part lite baffeling airs from W to N.  
men at work on rigging & other jobs  
about the Ship

Lat  $30^{\circ}06'$  N  
Long  $38^{\circ}41'$  W



on a Whaling Voyage B. Pontius Marsten 1863

Saturday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours first & middle parts lite baffling wind from W. to N. later part wind lite from N. course S. E. by S all drawing sail. Set, see one finback & much gulf weed, men imployed on riggen, all on duty

Lat obs  $28^{\circ} 40'$  North

Long by Chronometer  $36^{\circ} 22'$  West

Sunday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with lite breezes from N. N. E. course S. E. by S all sail set, at 4 P. M. wind canted to E. N. E. with heavy squalls of wind & rain, furl'd main royal & fore & main topgalent sails & fly jib barometer falling at 10 P. M. double reefed foretopsail. at 6 A. M. turned out one reef wind more stidy but strong, the day ends with strong wind & rough sea, from E. N. E. course S. E. by S. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $26^{\circ} 27'$  N

Long by chr  $34^{\circ} 12'$  West

Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with fresh gail from E. N. E. rough sea course S. E. by S. lite sails stoed & one reef in foretopsail middle part strong traids later part carrying maintopgalent sail & topsails courses. nothing in sight. men at ships duty. all well.

Lat by obs  $23^{\circ} 42'$  North

Long by Chronometer  $31^{\circ} 57'$  West



Bark E. Swift from New Bedford Towards Cape.

Tuesday Dec 1<sup>end</sup> 1863

This 24 hours commences with strong trades from E by N, course S by E. flying jib & main royal furled. middle part much the same later part carrying all sail course the same men employed at setting up rigging & making spun yarn all hands well

Lat by obs  $20^{\circ} 30'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $30^{\circ} 26'$  W

Wednesday Dec 2<sup>end</sup> 1863

First part fresh trades from E by N. with flying clouds, course South all sail set nothing in sight watches employed on rigging. Middle part weather much the same later part more moderate course S. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $17^{\circ} 03'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $29^{\circ} 27'$  W

Thursday Dec 3<sup>end</sup> 1863

Begins with moderate breezes from N, weather pleasant, course S by compass all drawing sail set. men employed at setting up rigging, at 5 P.M. see Blackfish going quick. got the lines in the boats. but did not lower middle part light wind & showers of rain later part light air from N.N.E. weather clear & pleasant. men employed at setting up rigging

Lat obs  $15^{\circ} 12'$  North



Horn? on a Whaling Voyage R. Pontus Master 1863

See  
Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1863

This day first & middle parts lite winds from  
N. N. E. course S. nothing in sight  
later part moderate breeze from E by N.  
& clear wether. See Blackfish going quick  
to windward, & several Finbacks.  
See some bairds. Men imployed on  
rigen all well

Lat by obs  $14^{\circ} 03' N$   
Long by Chro  $28^{\circ} 23' W$

See  
Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from E by N.  
& present wether. course S. all sail  
set middle part wether much the  
same. later part fresh breeze from E.  
at 10 A.M. raised a large Sperme Whale  
going quick to the N. E. tacked ship  
the day ends ship on the northern  
tack the Whale still in sight & one  
sail steering South.

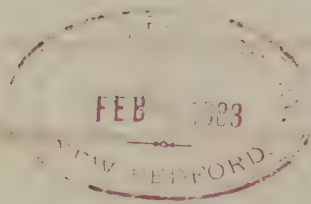
Lat obs  $12^{\circ} 26' North$   
Long by chr  $28^{\circ} 00'$



See  
Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Begins with strong traids from  
E. at 1 P.M. lowered fore Boats for  
the Whale chased until sunset  
without success then com on board  
kept the ship South by E. set all  
sail middle & later part wether  
much the same See 4 large ships  
standing to the north

Lat  $10^{\circ} 18' North$   
Long  $27^{\circ} 38' West$





Bark E. Swift from New Bedford

Monday <sup>Dec</sup> Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with a fine all sail breeze from E. thick smokey weather. course E. all sail set middle part much the same. later part lite wind from E. & E. Men employed at braking and between decks & stowing, all hands well

Lat by obs  $4^{\circ}54'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $26^{\circ}23'$

~~Sun~~  
Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with lite airs from all around the compass. thunder & lightening & much rain. middle part lite wind from N. E. later part wind increased from N. E. course E. by W. all day set nothing in sight.

Lat  $6^{\circ}56'$  N  
Long by Chronom  $25^{\circ}51'$

~~Dec~~  
Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours. first part wind from N. E. but hauling southerly. at 3 P. M. see a sail steering north middle & later part lite wind from E. with showers of rain. at 10 A. M. passed large ship on the northern tack

Lat by obs  $5^{\circ}35'$  North  
Long  $25^{\circ}38'$



Towards Cape Horn R. Pontius Master 1863

Dec

Thursday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from E. Squalls of rain middle part much the same later part calm & much rain at 10 A.M. See Sperm Whale along ways off Squalls of rain prevented us from seeing them again the day ends thick & rainy

Lat 4° 50' North  
Long 25° 15' West

Dec

Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with lite wind from all around the compass at 1 P.M. See the Whales again, loosed fore Boats two Boats struck, look that steamed bow Boat missed, waist Boat got stove, at 6 P.M. took the Whales along side middle part imployed in bracking out & reaver ceiling falls, at daylight commenced cutting, at 11 A.M. finishe made sail, course S. by W. all hands imployed in clearing the decks

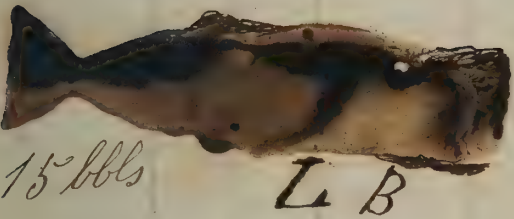
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Dec

Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

This day all hands imployed in clearing the decks & bailing wind from E. S. E. & much rain course S by W all sail set the day ends with lite wind from S. E. Squalls of rain. See one Ship standing to the North

Lat by account 2° 15' N  
Long about 27° 20' West





Remarks on Board Bark E. Swift From

Sunday <sup>Dec</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

All this 24 hours moderate wind  
from S. S. E. Ship heading S. W. by  
the wind. watches employed in boiling  
See one bark standing to the N. E.  
No. obs

Monday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

This day first part wind from  
South Ship heading W. S. W. by the  
wind all sail set. at 5 P. M. finished  
boiling. middle & later part strong  
breezes from S. by E. nothing in glass

Lat by obs  $1^{\circ} 06'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $29^{\circ} 49'$

Tuesday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

First part fine breeze from S. Ship  
heading W. S. W. all sail set. middle part  
much the same. later part ship heading  
S. W. by the wind. experienced strong  
current setting to the Westward  
See a Brig standing to the N. E.

Lat by obs  $00^{\circ} 50'$  South  
Long by Chro  $31^{\circ} 59'$  W



New Bedford, Toward Cape Horn R Pontin Master

Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

First & middle part fresh trade from E. S. E. with smoky weather. later part wind the same but weather more clear Ship heading S. & S. by W. by the wind all sail set. See one ship bound the same way. watches employed in braking out water all well.

Lat by obs  $3^{\circ} 05' S.$   
Long by chr  $32^{\circ} 05' West$

Thursday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with strong trade from S. E. by S. veering at times to E. S. E. Ship by the wind all sail set. at 5 P. M. see the Island of Fernanderone bearing South. Sept off S. W. by S. to pass to the leeward of the land at 10 P. M. the land bearing E. distant about five miles. Sailed by the wind heading S. S. W. later part weather much the same

Lat  $5^{\circ} 12' South$   
Long  $32^{\circ} 50' West$

Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with fresh trade from S. E. Ship heading S. S. W. at 4 P. M. sent down Royal yards. Middle part weather much the same. later part Ship heading S by W. nothing in sight. watches employed at making Sprungam

Lat  $7^{\circ} 35' South$   
Long  $32^{\circ} 58' West$



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford. Bound

Saturday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours first part strong trade from S. E. Ship heading S. S. W. by the wind all sail set. Middle & later part much the same. See two sail standing to the North. watches employed at scraping down spars & making spunges

Lat by obs  $9^{\circ} 54'$  S  
Long  $33^{\circ} 39'$  West

Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

All this 24 hours fine trade from S. E. Ship heading S. S. W. by the wind all sail set See two sail standing to the north. Men at Ship duty all well

Lat by obs  $12^{\circ} 15'$  South  
Long  $34^{\circ} 13'$  West

Monday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

This 24 hours first & middle part lite trade from S. E. Ship heading S. S. W. by the wind. later part wind from E. N. E. course S. S. W. all sail set nothing in sight. men employed at stowing down oil & bracing out water

Lat by obs  $14^{\circ} 50'$  South  
Long by Chro  $34^{\circ} 43'$  West



around Cape Horn. on a Whaling Voyage R Pontius Master

Tuesday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from N.E. present wether. Middle part wind conted to N. later part wind from N. course S.S.W. all sail set. men imployed at seting up riggen See three sail standing to the Eastend

Lat by obs  $16^{\circ}48'$  South  
Long by Chronometer  $35^{\circ}18'$  West

Wednesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

This 24 hours lite airs from N.N.W. present wether course S.S.W. all sail set nothing in sight. watches imployed on the riggen

Lat  $18^{\circ}45'$  South  
Long  $35^{\circ}53'$  W

Thursday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

First & middle part lite wind from N.W. course S.W. by S. later part baffeling wind from all all around the compass accompend with Squalls of rain. men imployed at Ships duty

Lat  $19^{\circ}34'$  South

Friday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from N. middle part the same. later part lite airs from N.E. course S.S.W. all sail set See one sail steering the same way. watches imployed at makeing sprungarn and other jobs around the ship

Lat by obs.  $20^{\circ}13'$  South  
Long by Chro  $36^{\circ}24'$  West



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Bound around

Saturday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours lite breezes from N.E. course S.W. by E. all sail set see several ships on diferent tacks trying to get to the North hands imployed in making sprunyan

Lat by obs  $21^{\circ} 32' S$   
Long by chro  $37^{\circ} 05'$

Sunday Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

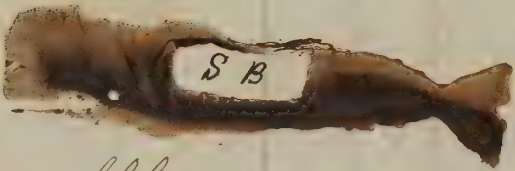
Begins with lite wind from N.E. at 1 P.M. see Sperim Whale. lowered fore Boats. Starboard Boat struck at 5 took the Whale to the Ship. commenced cutting at 11 P.M. finished... set the watch. later part all hands imployed in cutting the head & clearing the decks course S.W. by E one ship in sight

Lat  $22^{\circ} 50' South$   
Long  $38^{\circ} 00' West$

Monday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1863

This 24 hours first & middle part lite wind from N.E. later part strong breezes from the main board. course South west. all sail set hands imploy in boiling see two sail steaming on the eastern tack

Lat  $24^{\circ} 56' South$   
Long  $29^{\circ} 06' West$



30 bbls



Cape Horn On a Whaling Voyage By Pontius Masters

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Begins with fresh breezes from N. E. & cloudy  
wether middle part thick & rainy. later part  
wind canted to N. wether more moderate  
course S. W. all sail set. at 6 P. M. cooled down  
all hands well. Ship's title

Lat 28° 05' South  
Long 41 12 West

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Commences with lite wind from N. W. & smokey  
wether middle part much the same. later part  
fine breezes from N. N. W. & clear wether course  
S. W. by W. all sail set hands imployed in stowing  
down nothing in sight

Lat 29° 47' South  
Long 43° 35' West

Thursday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

Begins with lite wind from N. W. and pleasant  
wether. middle and later part the same  
course S. W. by W. all sail set. men imployed  
at making spungyarn. at 7 A. M. Spoke Bark  
Marcelia of New Bedford, 19 months out  
700 bbls Spenn

Lat 30° 20' South  
Long 44° 56' West



Bark E Swift of New Bedford. Bound Around Cape

Friday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

This 24 hours first part lite airs from N.E. and present wether at 5 P.M. raised sprouts that we cald Sperm Whale a long way off lowered for Boats. but did not get near them at Sun set come on board. cept the ship S. W. by W. middle and later part lite breezes from N.W. the day ends with smokey wether

Lat by account  $31^{\circ} 37' S$   
Long by account  $45^{\circ} 30' W$

Saturday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Commences with lite baffling wind and squalls of rain at 2 P.M. see a ship Stearing to the South middle part much rain. later part clear wether with a lite breeze from W. by N. Ship heding S. by W. all sail set, men imployed at ships duty. see ~~sun~~ beards

Lat by obs  $33^{\circ} 00' South$   
Long by Chr  $48^{\circ} 25' West$

Sunday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

First part fresh breezes from W.S.W. Ship heding S. at 5 P.M. wind canted to S.E. & tack'd ship heding S.W. one sail in sight middle part wind from W.N.W. ship heding S.W. all sail set. later part calm ship heding all around the compass at 10 A.M. lowered one Boat & got a Sunfish

Lat  $33^{\circ} 50' S$   
Long  $48^{\circ} 50' W$



Horn On a Whaling Voyage R Pontius Master 1864

Monday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with strong all sail breezes from N. E. W. Ship heading S. E. by the wind all sail set two sails in light standing to the north. at 4 P. M. see sperm Whales going quick to windward lowered fore Boats without success. middle part lites airs from all around the board. later part at 5 A. M. see three Whales. lowered fore boats the day ends Boats about five miles from the ship No obs

Lat about  $33^{\circ}55'$

Long by account  $49^{\circ}00'$

Tuesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs & calms fore Boats chasing Whales - at 4 P. M. Larberd Boat struck at six took the Whale to the ship commenced cutting the day ends all hands employed in cutting & barling the case No obs

115 bbls L B  
stood down

Lat by account  $33^{\circ}45'$   
Long about  $48^{\circ}50'$

Wednesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breezes from N. E. W. Ship heading South under short sail middle part the rain. at 8 P. M. started the works the day ends with strong gail from N. W. thick rainy wether at 10 A. M. see sperm Whales going quick to windward the day ends no obs



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Bound around

Thursday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with heavy squalls from all around the compass and much rain Ship under close reefed main topsail at 4 P.M. weather cleared wind lite from South middle part Ship on different tacks at daylight See Sperm Whales lowered three Boats did not see the Whales again the day end calm. all hands employed in boiling

Lat by obs  $35^{\circ} 15'$  South  
Long by Chro  $44^{\circ} 44'$  West

Friday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S and present weather Ship heading E.S.E. by the wind at 4 P.M. See Sperm Whale lowered three boats two boats struck with one Iron each and drewed at 6 P.M. come on board with our foney Boatstewers. middle part calm later part lite airs from W. Ship on different tacks nothing in sight

Lat obs  $35^{\circ} 06'$  South  
Long by Chr  $49^{\circ} 29'$  West

Saturday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twenty four hours lite wind from N.W. present weather course S.S.W. topgatesails furled hands employed in boiling & stoving down See several Sails standing on different tacks

Lat about  $36^{\circ} 30'$  S  
Long by account  $49^{\circ} 40'$  West

there was large  
Whale

there was large  
Whale. Boatstewers  
saint hanted



x Cape Horn on a Whaling voyage R. Pontius Master

Sunday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins lite wind & pleasant wether. course S. by E. middle part the same. later part thick & rainy at 10 A.M. wether cleared. wind from West finished stowing down & boeking nothing in sight. set all sail Boatsteron Locks off duty sick

Lat obs  $36^{\circ} 55'$  South  
Long by Chron  $50^{\circ} 58'$  West

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from W. and pleasant wether. middle part the same later part wind from W.S.W. Ship heding S. all sail set nothing in sight. Locks off duty sick

Lat  $38^{\circ} 00'$  S

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong wind from S. wether cloudy at 1 P.M. tooked Ship heding W.S.W. at 3 O'clock strong gail double reefed the topsails at 11 P.M. wind canted to S.W. wore Ship heding S.S.E. gail increased took in mainsail and foretop sail later part blowing a gail. heavy of rain & hail

Lat obs  $39^{\circ} 17'$  S



Bark E. Swift from New Bedford. Bound Around

Wednesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

This day begins with a gail from S.W.  
Ship laying with duple reefs in main topsail  
& foresail set. Ship heading S.S.E. nothing in sight  
middle part more moderate duple reefs on the  
ship later part at 10 A.M. wind parted  
to S. tacked to westward the day ends  
with strong breezes. topsails courses &  
Lib set

Lat  $38^{\circ} 17' S$   
Long  $52^{\circ} 20' W$

Thursday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh breezes from S.S.W.  
Ship heading W. by compass. middle  
part the Saim. later part carrying  
all sail heading W. many birds in  
sight water very green. hands employed  
in ships duty

Lat  $38^{\circ} 30' S$

Friday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

This day broke  
George B. Snow  
for missing Whale.  
sent him & his  
affects to the forecassel  
not being caperble to  
do his duty as Boatsteron

Begins with fine breezes from S.W.  
present wether. at 1 P.M. tacked  
Ship heading S.E. by the wind. raised  
a Humpback lowered three Boats  
went on to the Whale & Snow. missed  
the Whale. then went on board  
with our Patent Boatsterons  
later part calm Ship heading all around  
the compass. at 6 A.M. see Humpbacks  
lowered fore boats without sucefs  
the day ends with thick fog & calm



Cape Horn. On A Whaling Voyage M. Pontus Master 1864

Saturday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Took John Linn,  
in the Stearage  
as Boatsteward

Begins with calm wether ship drifts all around  
the compass middle part lite airs from N. course S.S.W.  
later part much the same. See menney Birds & one  
Humpback. hands imployed in Ships duty. bent cloats  
mizen & fore Spencer & fore Stoy sail

Lat  $39^{\circ} 24'$  S

Long  $55^{\circ} 50'$  West

Sunday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N. and plesent  
wether. course S.S.W. all sail set. nothing in  
sight middle and later part much the same  
the day ends with lite wind and smokey wether

Lat by obs  $40^{\circ} 58'$  S.

Long by Chr  $56^{\circ} 55'$  W.

Monday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind and plesent wether  
middle part much the same later part  
wind canted to N.W. with fog course S.W. by S.  
all sail set. See much alps on the water

Lat by account  $42^{\circ} 45'$  S.

Long about  $58^{\circ} 35'$  W.



Log Book. Of Bark E. Swift. From New Bedford.

Remarks on Board Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Tuesday Begins with lite breases from N.W. and thick fog. course S.W. by S. all sail set middle & later part the same the day ends with lite airs and thick fog

Lat by account  $44^{\circ} 30'$  South  
Long about  $60^{\circ} 35'$  West

Wednesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins calm and thick fog. at 4 P.M. fog cleared but no breeze cast the lead got bottom 65 fathoms middle part lite airs from N. and thick fog later part clear with lite breas from N.W. course S.W. by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. all sail set. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $44^{\circ} 42'$  South  
Long by Chr  $61^{\circ} 17'$  West

Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Commences with lite breases from N.W. and thick fog. at 5 P.M. wind conted to W. Ship heding S.S.W. all sail set middle and later part calm and thick fog the day ends ship drifting around the compass

No obs.



Towards Cape Horn. On A Whaling Voyage. R. Pontius Master

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

This day begins calm and thick fog Ship drifting all around the compass. middle and later part lite wind from N. and thick fog course S.W. by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. all sail set Men imployed in brakeing out Water. Meat Molasses. &c

No obs

Lat by account  $46^{\circ} 04' S.$   
Long by account  $62^{\circ} 28' W$

Saturday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Begins with a moderate breas from N. and thick fog course S.W. by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. all sail set at 4 P.M. breas increased. fog continued thick See many Birds. & two finbacks near the Ship middle part wind canted to S.W. & increased to a strong breas. later part fresh gail from S.S.E. at 11 A.M. tacked ship heding S.W. by compass handed lite sails. & duple reefed the topsails. & firded the mainsail. the day ends with strong wind & rough sea

Lat  $48^{\circ} 30' S$   
Long  $64^{\circ} 12' West$

Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh gail from S.S.E. Ship heding S.W. duple reefs in the topsails. at 4 P.M. tacked ship heding E. by compass. middle part wind canted to E. tacked ship heding S. later part more moderate Ship with all sail set one ship in sight steaming the same way this day ends moderate breas from N.E. course S. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E.

Lat by obs  $49^{\circ} 40' S$   
Long  $64^{\circ} 50' W$



# Log Book of the Bark E. Swift of New Bedford

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

George W. Newman  
of duty sick

First & middle part fine breeze from E.N.E. cloudy weather at 6 A.M. wind shifted to N.W. much rain at 10 A.M. wind S.W. weather cleared wind increased to a strong breeze the day ends ship heading S.E. passed a French ship near by

Lat 52° 05' S  
Long 63° 55' West

Tuesday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman  
off duty sick

Begins with fresh gale from S.S.E. ship heading E. by the wind at 2 P.M. took in light sails & double reefed the topsails at 4 tacked ship heading S.W. by the wind middle part wind shifted to N.W. and moderated set all sail course S. by E. later part wind moderate from S.S.E. ship heading E. by the wind at 11 A.M. wind from S.W. weather clear, see many Pinbacks & two ships hands employed at ships duty

Lat 53° 15' South

Long

Wednesday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman  
Sick with  
Cape Horn Fever

Commences with light wind and pleasant weather. wind from W.N.W. course S. by W. all sail set. one ship in sight middle part fresh breeze at 2 A.M. see Staten Land bearing S.S.W. kept off E.S.E. the day ends steering along the land about 10 miles distant



Bound around Cape Horn, on a Whaling Voyage. R Pontius <sup>master</sup>

Thursday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N. course S. S. E.  
all sail set East end of station land bearing  
N. W. distance about 10 miles two ships in sight  
bound to the Westward middle and later part moderate  
breas from W. N. W. course S. W. by S. see many birds  
and two finbacks

Lat by obs  $55^{\circ} 53'$  South  
Long by Chronometer  $65^{\circ} 45'$  West

Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

This day begins with a lite breas from W. N. W. course  
S. W. by S. all sail set. at 1 P.M. wind haled to S. E. then  
to E. course S. W. by S. one ship & one Schooner in sight  
middle part fresh breas from N. then from N. W. with much  
rain at 5 A.M. see Cape Horn, bearing N. by W. distance  
about 30 miles, haled up S. W. by W. at 10 A.M. wind from  
W. S. W. and increased to a strong gail took in lite  
sails and duple reefed the topsails fished the mainsail  
ships heading S. see the diegoes rameneas bearing W.  
distant about 15 miles the day ends wind decreasing

Saturday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman  
off duty

Begins with lite wind from S. W. and haling  
southerly with much rain and thick wethen  
at 1 P.M. let the reefs adit the topsails and  
set the maintopgallent sail and mainsail  
at 5 P.M. hevy gail from W. hove the ships too  
under cloat reefed maintopsail middle part hevy  
gail. later part gail moderating at 10 A.M. wore  
ship heading N. W.

Lat  $56^{\circ} 58'$  S  
Long  $67^{\circ} 29'$  W



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. from Cape Horn.

Sunday Jan 31<sup>east</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman,  
off duty

This 24 hours begins with strong breezes from W. and rough seas, at 4 P.M. set double reefed topsails & B. wether moderating ship heading N.N.W. middle part lite wind. later part strong breezes from W.S.W. all sail set heading N.W. at 10 A.M. Cape Horn in sight bearing N. by compass distant about 15 miles tacked ship heading S. took in foretopgalent sail & fly Gib the day ends strong breezes from W.S.W.

Lat abs  $56^{\circ} 40'$  S  
Long  $67^{\circ} 41'$  West

Monday Feb 1<sup>east</sup> 1864

Newman; off duty

Begins with strong breezes from W.S.W. ship heading S. by the wind wether inclining to be squally fired maintopgalent sail, at 4 P.M. wind from W by N. at 10 P.M. wind from N.W. by W. ship heading S.W. by W. wether thick and rainey. later part at 3 A.M. passed a large ship tearing N.E. the day ends with strong wind from N.W. and plenty of rain  
No. obs

Lat by account  $57^{\circ} 45'$  S  
Long about  $68^{\circ} 50'$  West

Tuesday Feb 2<sup>east</sup> 1864

Georg W. Newman.  
the Boatsteror with one  
arm laying below sick  
with Cape Horn Fever

Commences with strong breezes from N.W. and thick rainey wether ship heading W.S.W. at 4 P.M. dubleneaped the foretop sail - at 6 P.M. dubleneaped maintops, at 9 P.M. took in Gib middle part at 11 wind from N.W. by N. thick and rainey wether ship heading W. by S. at 8 A.M. blowing a gail from W.N.N.E. have the ship too heading W. close reefed maintopsails set and spencers the day ends blowing a gail and much rain  
No. obs.

Lat about  $58^{\circ} 10'$  S Long  $73^{\circ} 20'$  W.



Towards the Sandwich Islands R. Pontius Master 1864

Wednesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

This day begins with a gail from N. N. W. much rain  
Ship heding W. close reefed maintopsail set, and spencers  
at 3 P.M. wind from W. S. W. and blowing with grate  
violence took in maintopsail Ship laying under  
spencers at 8 P.M. wore ship heding N. W. at 4 A.M. set  
maintopsail gail moderating See one ship steaming E. N. E.  
and a Choner on the northern tack at 8 A.M. set  
dublereofed topsails the day ends with fresh gail and rough  
sea

Lat obs  $57^{\circ} 12' S.$

Long by chr  $73^{\circ} 25' W.$

Thursday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

Begins fresh gail from W. S. W. and heavy squalls. Ship heding  
N. W. duble reefed topsails set and mainsail. middle part  
wether much the same. later part wind from W. N. W.  
at 6 A.M. tacked ship heding S. W. the day ends with  
fresh breas and rough sea

No obs

Friday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

Commences with lite breas from N. W. thick wether  
Ship heding W. by S. at 3 P.M. let the reefs out the maintop  
and set maintopgalentsail one ship in sight  
middle part wind the same. wether thick and rainy at 10 A.M.  
equally dublereofed the maintopsail and firled maintopgalentsail  
the day ends wind canteing W. nothing in sight  
Barometer stands at  $28.75$  high sea running

Lat  $56^{\circ} 22' South$

Long  $75^{\circ} 49' West$



Bark E. Swift, Off New Bedford, From Cape

Saturday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

S. W. Newman off duty S. E. C. at 3 P. M. wore ship heding W. N. W. nothing in sight dubbreaps on the ship. wether having a threatening appearance Barometer standing at 28<sup>5</sup>/<sub>10</sub> at 4 P. M. wind from S. blowing a hevy gail took in all sail but close reefed maintopsail. bore away N. W. by W. middle part running under close reefed maintopsail in gail from S. later part wind canted to W. S. W. and moderated set all sail at 11 A. M. wind increased took in topgale sails  
Lat 54° 20' S. Long 77° 34' W.

Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman sick

This twentyfour hours begins with strong breases from W. S. W. and passing clouds. Ship heding N. W. by the wind duble reefed topsails set and courses set nothing in sight of note middle part wether much the same. later part wind haled to W. N. W. with rain and fog Ship heding N. N. W. at 10 A. M. set maintopgale sails at 12 the wether cleared. but wind continued at W. N. W. nothing in sight.  
Lat by obs. 52° 40' South  
Long by chr 77° 26' West

Monday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

Barometer at 28<sup>7</sup>/<sub>10</sub>  
Thermometer at 57

Begins with moderate wind from W. and passing clouds ship heding N. N. W. all sail set. but the flyjil. Men at ships duty middle part wind canted to N. W. at 4 A. M. tacked heding W. S. W. at 10 A. M. Squalley took in lite sails see menney flocks of snipe the day ends with strong breases from N. W. and rough sea. Men imployed in brakeing out Water & meat

Lat 51° 38' S.  
Long 77° 43' W.



Horn, Twoords. The Sandwich Islands R. Pontius Marten 1864

Tuesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman off duty

Begins with strong breezes from W.N.W. and heavy squalls  
Ship heading S.W. at 2 P.M. doubled the topsails  
at 7 P.M. wind haled to E.W. then to S.E.W. tacked ship  
course W.N.W. middle part fresh gale from S.E.W. and  
rough sea. later part wether more moderate set all  
sail course N.W. nothing in sight. but a few Birds  
men at ships duty

Lat Obs  $50^{\circ} 12'$  South  
Long by Chr.  $79^{\circ} 37'$  West

Barometer at  $29\frac{1}{2}$  Thermometer  $47$

Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman off duty

This twentyfour hours begins with strong bofeling wind from E. to  
S.W. course N.W. by N. all sail set. nothing in sight. Men at  
ships duty. middle part wind from W.N.W. Ship heading N.  
at 7 A.M. tacked ship heading S.W. the day ends wind N.N.W.  
Ship heading W. all sail set wether thick and rainy nothing  
in sight Men at ships duty N. Obs.

Lat by account  $28^{\circ} 30'$  S.  
Long by account  $80^{\circ} 10'$  W

Thursday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

G. W. Newman.  
off duty

Commences with strong all sail breas from N.W. by N.  
Ship heading W. by E. all sail set. wether thick and rainy  
at 10 P.M. tacked ship heading N.N.E. see many birds  
at 10 A.M. wind changed to N.N.W. wether cleared  
see many finbacks Killers and Grampsees. the  
wind soon haled back to N.W. with thick fog  
the day ends strong breas from N.W. Ship  
heading ~~N.N.E.~~ E all sail set

Lat  $47^{\circ} 14'$  S  
Long  $79^{\circ} 45'$  W



Bark E Swift Off New Bedford. From Cape

Friday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman, Sick

Barometer at 28 $\frac{3}{10}$

Thermometer 54

Begins with strong breezes from N.W. by N. Ship heading W by S. all sail set. thick rainy wether. at 6 P.M. wind contd to W. tacked ship heading N.N.W. middle part thick and rainy. later part much the same see menney Finbacks the day ends with thick and rainy wether No. obs

Lat by account 45° 30' S.  
Long about 79° 40' W.

Saturday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

Barometer at 28 $\frac{5}{10}$

Thermometer at 54

This day begins with thick rainy wether at 1 P.M. the wind haled to S.W. the wether cleared. kept off N.N.W. all sail set several Finback in sight. middle part lite wind from S.W. later part moderate breeze from W.N.W. Ship heading N. all sail set two sail in sight standing to the North.

Lat obs 42° 28' South.  
Long by Chr 78° 54' W.

Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

First part lite wind from W.N.W. and hokey wether. Ship heading N. all sail set two ships in sight middle part lite wind and pleasant wether later part wind from W. moderate breezes the day ends nothing in sight all sail set Steairing N.N.W.

Lat 40° 25' S.  
Long 78° 32' W.



Horn Twords The Sandwich Islands R. Pontus, Master

Monday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite breases from N.E.W. course  
N. all sail set. see one Sulpher botom. watches imployed  
in makeing Spunyarn and seting up riggen

Lat  $38^{\circ}43'$  N.

Long  $78^{\circ}49'$  W.

Tuesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from N.W. and plesent  
wether. course N.E.W. all sail set  
middle part calm. later part lite breas from  
S. see one Finback and menney fish  
watches imployed at makeing Spunyarn

Lat by obs  $37^{\circ}28'$  S  
Long  $78^{\circ}49'$  W.

Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

First part lite airs from S.W. and plesent wether  
middle part much the same. later part wind from  
S. and lite, at 9 A.M. lowered fore Boats for  
Sulpher botoms come on board without suceps  
kept the Ship on her course N.E.W. men imployed  
in makeing Spunyarn the day ends with lite wind

Lat  $36^{\circ}06'$  S  
Long  $78^{\circ}54'$  W.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. From Cape

Thursday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite breezes from S. W. and pleasant wether. course W. N. W. all sail set at 5 A. M. see a Brig clearing N. E. at 9 A. M. see the Island of Guanfernandez at a hed distance about 50 miles, the day ends steaming for the land

Lat 34° 28' S  
Long 78° 56' W

Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S. W. and pleasant wether. Ship heding in for the land. see several finbacks at 4 P. M. lowered three boats for blackfish without sucefs, at 6 A. M. sent three boats in fishing. the Bark Statutes and Benj<sup>m</sup> Cumens. loying off and onn the day ends ship about 3 miles off the N. E. part of the Island

Saturday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a fresh S. W. breas, Ship laying off the N. E. part of the Island at 7 P. M. the Boats come on board. kept the Ship N. W. set all sail middle and later part wind from E. S. E. fine breezes. at 7 A. M. see two Ships steaming to S. W.

Lat 31° 58' S  
Long 80° 02' W



Horn. Towards The Sandwich Island B Pontius Master 1864

Sunday Feb 21<sup>end</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours fine breeze from S. E. and present wether. course N. W. all drawing sail set nothing in sight. men at ships duty

Newman off duty

Lat by obs  $21^{\circ} 35'$  S.  
Long by chr  $81^{\circ} 36'$  W.

Monday Feb 22<sup>end</sup> 1864

Begins with a good breeze from S. E. and present wether middle part much the same. later part strong breezes from S. E. and hazy wether. course N. W. all drawing sail set employed in repairing foresail. nothing in sight.

Lat by obs  $21^{\circ} 20'$  South  
Long by chr  $83^{\circ} 10'$  W

Tuesday Feb 23<sup>end</sup> 1864

First part fine breezes from S. E. and cloudy wether middle part much the same. later part like trade from S. E. and squalls of rain. course N. W. all sail set nothing in sight. watches employed in bracking out

Lat  $25^{\circ} 27'$  S.  
Long by account  $84^{\circ} 40'$  W



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford From Sanfernandez.

Wednesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite trade from S.E. and squall of rain course N.W. all sail set. middle part much the same. later part wind backing from S.E. to N.E. nothing in sight. imployed in repairing maintopgale's sail

Lat by obs  $23^{\circ} 36'$  S  
Long by chronometer  $83^{\circ} 41'$

Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman off duty

This twentyfour hours begins with lite trade from S.E. and present wether sent up fore and main royal yards and set the royals. middle and later part backing of wind from S.E. to N.E. course N.W. all sail in set. nothing in sight men imployed in ratteing down fore and main riggen

Lat  $21^{\circ} 45'$  S  
Long  $84^{\circ} 05'$

Friday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Newman on duty

All this twentyfour hours fine trade from S.E. and present wether. course N.W. all sail set. nothing in sight hands imployed in ratteing down the lone riggen and makeing spunyarn. all well

Lat  $19^{\circ} 44'$  South  
Long  $88^{\circ} 33'$  West



Towards the Sandwich Islands B. Pontius Master 1864

Saturday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part moderate trades from S.E. course N.W. by W.  
all sail set nothing in sight middle and later part  
much the same. men employed in bracing out water  
repairing the rigging

Lat by obs  $18^{\circ} 10' S$   
Long by Chr  $90^{\circ} 16' W$

Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite trades from S.E. by E. and passing close  
course N.W. by W. all sail set. men at Ships duty. nothing  
in sight. middle part wether much the same. later part  
trades increased some. with cloudy wether. see a turtle  
and a small number of birds

Lat by account  $16^{\circ} 30' S$   
Long about  $91^{\circ} 50' W$

Monday Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twenty four hours moderate trades from  
S.E. and cloudy wether. course N.W. by W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.  
all sail set nothing in sight. hands employed in  
fishing the bowsprit. and making spungarn

Lat  $15^{\circ} 00' S$   
Long  $93^{\circ} 53' W$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, From Juanferndes

Tuesday March 1<sup>end</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours moderate trades from S. E. and hozy wether, course N. W. by W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. all drawing sail set see one Finback? and a sunfish. hands imployed in fishing the Bowsprit and setting up riggen

Lat by Obs  $13^{\circ} 30'$  S.  
Long by Chr  $96^{\circ} 12'$  W.

Wednesday March 2<sup>end</sup> 1864

Commences with lite trades from S. E. and cloudy wether. middle part much the same later part lite wind from E. S. E. and hozy wether course N. W. by W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. all drawing sail set nothing in sight. watches imployed in cleaning the Chainplates and other jobs

Lat by obs  $12^{\circ} 00'$  S  
Long by Chr  $97^{\circ} 40'$  W

Thursday March 3<sup>end</sup> 1864

Begins with lite trades from E. S. E. and hozy wether nothing in sight middle part. lite wind later part lite wind from E. by S. and clear wether course W. N. W. all sail set. see one Finback and a Tumpser watches imployed in cleaning Ironwork an painting the same

Lat obs.  $11^{\circ} 08'$  S.  
Long by Chr  $99^{\circ} 18'$  W.



Towards The Sandwich Islands, R. Pontius, Master 1864

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with moderate trade from E. by N. and clear  
present weather course W. N. W. all drawing sail set  
see one finback middle part wind the same. weather  
cloudy. later part wind from E. S. E. clear weather  
nothing in sight watches employed in different jobs  
about the ship

Lat  $10^{\circ} 16'$  S  
Long  $101^{\circ} 00'$  W

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from E. S. E. and present weather  
middle and later part fresh breezes from E. and  
squalls of rain. course W. N. W. all drawing sail set  
nothing in sight watches employed in washing ship  
No obs Lat by account  $8^{\circ} 55'$  S  
Long about  $103^{\circ} 25'$  West

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with thick rainy weather wind from E.  
nothing in sight. middle and later part strong  
breeze and clear weather. course W. N. W. all sail  
set. the day ends with nothing in sight

Lat by Obs.  $7^{\circ} 24'$  S  
Long  $104^{\circ} 54'$  W



Bark E Swift of New Bedford. From Juanfernandez.

Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

This day begins strong trades from E. and passing clouds. Middle and later part strong breezes and clear wether course W. N. W. all drawing sail set. nothing in sight. watches imployed in parnteing & pair Boats and makeing & runyarn. all well

Lat by obs.  $6^{\circ} 07' S.$   
Long by Chr  $108^{\circ} 22' W$

Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with moderate traids from E. by S. and hazy wether middle part wind from all around the compas and much rain later part calm and thick rainy wether ship heding all around the compass. No obs

Lat by account  $5^{\circ} 20' S.$   
Long about  $110^{\circ} 00' W$

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from W. S. W. and cloudy wether ship heding N. W. middle part wind from N. N. W. thick and rainy wether. Ship heding N. E. all sail set. later part wind from W. S. W. with squals of rain ship heding N. W. nothing in sight

Lat by account  $4^{\circ} 28' S$   
Long about  $110^{\circ} 30' W$



Towards the Sandwich Islands B. Pontius Master 1864

Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from S.W. and cloudy  
wether course N.W. by N. all sail set  
middle part lite airs from S. and much rain  
later part lite baffeling wind from S.W. to S.E.  
course N.W. by N. all sail set. nothing in sight

Lat 3° 00' S  
Long 111° 32' W

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite baffeling wind from all around  
the compass, and cloudy wether. middle part wind the  
calm. with much rain. later part calm with  
rain squalls Ship drifting all around the board  
watches imployed in Ships duty nothing in sight

Lat by obs. 2° 29' S.  
Long by Chr 112° 17' W.

Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite breezes from N.N.W. and cloudy  
wether. Ship heaving W. all sail set  
middle and later part lite baffeling wind from all  
around the compass. the day ends with calm wether  
and clear sky. see several pinbacks

Lat obs 2° 23' S  
Long by Chr 112° 52' W



Bark E Swift of New Bedford, From Juanfernandez

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part Calm. middle and later lite  
airs from S.E. course N.N.W. all  
sail set. see several Finbacks and  
grampsees

Lat obs  $1^{\circ} 33' S.$   
Long by Chr  $113^{\circ} 11' W.$

Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a lite breeze from  
S.E. and clear wether. middle and later  
part much the same course N.N.W.  
all sail set. see several Finbacks  
watches employed in different jobs  
about the ship

Lat by obs  $00^{\circ} 16' S.$   
Long by Chro  $113^{\circ} 32' W.$

Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite airs from S.E.  
and squalls of rain middle and later part  
lite airs and clear wether. course N.W.  
all sail set. nothing in sight. men at  
ships duty. all well.

Lat  $00^{\circ} 40' North$   
Long  $113^{\circ} 39' W.$



Twads the Sandwich Islands. B Pontius Masters 1864

Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from S. E. and clear  
wether. middle and later part lite baffeling airs  
from all around the bord nothing in sight  
men imployed at ships duty

Lat 00° 45' N.

Long 113° 53' W.

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite breases  
from S. E. to N. E. course W. N. W. all sail set  
nothing in sight. watches imployed at ships duty

Lat 01° 00' N.

Long 114° 24' W.

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> 64

Begins with lite airs from E. N. E. and  
passing clouds. middle part much the same  
later part winds increased and conted to  
E. N. E. course W. N. W. all saile set. nothing  
in sight. men at ships duty

Lat 1° 57' N.

Long 115° 35' W.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. From Sanfermandes

Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from E and cloudy wether. middle part wind baffeling from E. to N. with drenching rain. and much Thunder. later part hevy shows of rain and unsteady breezes. course W. N. W. all sail set. see several Finbacks. Men imployed in washing ship, No Obs

Lat by account  $3^{\circ} 05' N.$   
Long about  $116^{\circ} 45' W.$

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind from E. to N. changing very often. with plenty of rain and Thunder  
middle part moderate breeze from E. and squals of rain. later part a good fresh breeze from E. N. E. and thick smokey wether  
course W. N. W. all sail set

Lat  $4^{\circ} 24' N$   
Long  $120^{\circ} 16' W$

Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

First part a fine breeze from E. N. E. and cloudy wether, middle part squals of rain. later part wind shifting from E. N. E. to N. N. W. with much thunder and rain. course W. N. W. all sail set. nothing in sight

Lat  $5^{\circ} 50' N$   
Long  $122^{\circ} 46' W$



Towards the Sandwich Islands. R. Pontius Master 1864

Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

First part Strong wind from N. and heavy squalls of wind and rain, at 2 P.M. took in lite sails and clued down the topsails and dble reefed them at 5 P.M. wether cleared, made all sail, middle and later part strong traids from N. E. by N. course W. N. W. all sail set nothing in sight

Lat  $7^{\circ} 20' N.$   
Long  $125^{\circ} 27' W.$

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

This twentyfour fore hours strong traids from N. N. E. and squaley, course W. N. W. all sail set, nothing in sight, men at ships duty

Distance made  
220 miles

Lat  $8^{\circ} 55' N.$   
Long  $128^{\circ} 56' W.$

Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Strong traids from N. E. by N. and profoing clouds, at 8 P.M. took in fore royal, at 7 A.M. set it again course W. N. W. nothing in sight

distance run  
260 miles

Lat  $10^{\circ} 35' N.$   
Long  $132^{\circ} 49' W.$



Bark C. Swift. of New Bedford. from the

Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> 64

Begins with strong trades from N.E. by N. and flying clouds

middle and later part wind from N.E. and more moderate course

W.N.W. all sail set nothing in sight men at ships duty

Lat by obs  $12^{\circ} 24' N.$   
Long  $136^{\circ} 22' W.$

Distance run  
245 miles

Remarks on board March 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twenty four hours strong trades from N.N.E. and passing clouds. course

W.N.W. all sail set. see one Pinbacks

men employed in brakeing out Water and other jobs.

Lat by obs  $14^{\circ} 14' N.$   
Long by chr  $140^{\circ} 05' W.$

Distance run  
240 miles

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong trades from N.N.E. and flying clouds. course W.N.W. all sail set nothing in sight

or middle part equals of rain. later part strong trades from N.E. and clear wether

the day ends nothing in sight men at ships duty

Lat  $16^{\circ} 02' N.$   
Long  $143^{\circ} 56' W.$



Equator towards the Sandwich Islands. P. Pontus. Master 1864

Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong traids from N.E. and passing clouds  
middle and later part moderate breezes from  
E. by S. and clear wether. course W. by N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. all  
sail set. nothing in sight. watches imployed at  
ships duty

Lat  $17^{\circ} 20' N.$

Long  $147^{\circ} 23' W.$

Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with moderate traids from E. by N. and  
clear wether. middle part squaley with sum rain  
later part fresh breezes from E. course W. by N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.  
all sail set. nothing in sight. men imployed in ships  
duty

Lat by obs  $18^{\circ} 55' N.$

Long by Chr  $151^{\circ} 03' W.$

Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours moderate traids  
from E. and smoky wether. course W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.  
all sail set. nothing in sight men imployed  
at ships duty

Lat by obs  $19^{\circ} 35' N.$

Long by Chronometer  $154^{\circ} 44' W.$



Bark E. Swift New Bedford, at Ancor in the

Thursday March 31<sup>est</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind from E. and smokey  
wether. course  $W\frac{1}{2}S$ . all sail set. at 11 P.M.  
x see the Island of Owhaii ahead took in lite  
sails and made short trips in the offing during  
middle part at daylight kept off for the Port  
the day ends standing in, fifty fathoms of chain  
up on the starboard, and the sails on the  
port chain, at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. the Pilot come on board

Friday Apr 1<sup>est</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from E. the Pilot working  
the ship into the harbor, at 2 P.M. come too  
ancor in 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms of water, Starboard ancorage down  
x with 60 fathoms of chain, the Capt. went on shore  
all hands employed in washing the ship  
middle part plenty rain, later part all hands  
employed in brakering and landing cargo  
from the ship, landed 6 pipes of Bread  
25 bbls of Pork, the day ends with much  
rain,

Saturday Apr 2<sup>end</sup> 1864

Commences ship at Ancor raining all the  
time, all hands employed in brakering and  
and landing cargo landed 6 Stun sail Booms  
1. for yard, 1 T. Gablet yard, 1 T. Gablet mast  
1. Top Mast, 2 W. Boats 25 bbls Pork.  
later part landed 33 bundles of Shook, 1 Cask S. heds  
1. Cask flour. got a raft water landed sum Iron works  
to be repaired. the day ends raining



Harbor of Heloo. B Pontius Master

Sunday Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

All this 24 hours Ship at Ancon.  
one watch on liberty. Weather, showers of rain

Monday Apr 4<sup>th</sup> All this twenty four hours Ship at ancon all hands  
imployed brakeing out and stowing down. Coopers  
setting up casks.

Tuesday Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 64

Ship at ancon all hands imployed in brakeing out  
and landing cargo landed 4 cask Flour containing 30 bbls  
cask heads & hoops 6 cask 2 Cask Coal

Wednesday Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twenty four hours Ship at ancon. all  
hands imployed at brakeing out and stowing down

Thursday Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 64

All this day Ship at ancon hands imployed  
at get off Water and stowing down  
and painting Ship

Friday Apr 8<sup>th</sup> All this day Ship at ancon all hands imployed  
on board

Saturday Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 64

All this twenty four hours Ship at ancon hands  
imployed in getting water and stowing and  
brakeing out Oil and coopersing it

Sunday Apr 10<sup>th</sup> /

Ship at ancon 1 man on shore on  
liberty at 7 P.M. all hands come on board  
but, George W. Newman, he deserted



Bark E Swift of New Bedford Recruiting at

Monday Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

this day ship at anchor in Hells  
one watch on liberty. the remainder  
of the men employed in getting water

Tuesday Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 64

Ship at anchor men employed at  
getting water and stowing down  
G. W. Newman come on board and got  
his chest

Wednesday Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor all hands employed  
in setting up rigging

Thursday Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

at 9 A.M. hove short at 12 the Pilot  
come on board

Friday Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part at 1 P.M. got the ship  
under way in charge of the Pilot  
and beat out of the harbor at 5  
the Capt come on board, and  
the Pilot left. kept the ship  
off W. N. W. with a light wind  
from N.E. all sail set at 8 P.M.  
the Port of Taehi being about S.E.  
distance about 10 miles the Capt went  
on shore the day ends working the  
ship into the harbor wind light and  
bafeling

Saturday Apr 16<sup>th</sup>

at 1 P.M. come to anchor in 7 fathoms Starboard  
anchor down with 45 fathoms of chain out  
the day ends ship at anchor



the Sandwich Islands R. Pantus Master 1864

Sunday Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor at 4 P.M. potatoes come on board at 6 have short sent a boat on shore for the Captain James Willson deserted. the capt come on board give the ship chain the day ends ship at ancor natives trying to ketch Willson

Monday Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 64

Ship at ancor waiting for Willson at 4 A.M. got the ancor and seaine of N.W. the day ends with the Island of Rayni bearing E.N.E

Tuesday Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong traids ship steaming in for the Island of Honolulu at 9 P.M. luffed too off Dimond head middle part ship making short trips in the offen at 7 A.M. come to ancor in 10 fathoms of water Starbord ancor down with 60 fathoms of chain

Wednesday Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor all hands imployed in landing Oil

Thursday Apr 21<sup>st</sup>

Ship at ancor all hands imployed in landing Oil

Amount of Oil  
landed from the  
Bank & Swift  
and the gage of each  
Coak containing Oil

No Gages

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Bark E Swift. at anchor at Honolulu

Friday Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> 64

Ship at anchor all hands employed in trimming ship  
and painting Boats

Saturday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor men employed in washing ship

Sunday Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Send P. Lock?  
into the forecabin  
with all of his effects

First part Ship at anchor at 4 P.M. three  
men come on board and joined the ship  
Charles Cenuoy, Boatsteerer, Joseph Whitford,  
fourth mate, Hunnman Beecher, Seaman,  
at 6 P.M. James Willson come on board, the  
man that deserted at Tochy N Apr 17<sup>th</sup> is the  
first officer put him in Irons for safe keeping  
at 10 P.M. the Capt come on board, got the  
Ship under way steamed W. with a tide  
breeze from N.E. the day ends with  
fine wether men employed in stowing  
chains and anchors. and so

Lat  $21^{\circ} 31' N$   
Long  $160^{\circ} 24' W$

Monday Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

at 7 A.M. took  
Willson out of  
Irons

All this twentyfour hours fresh traid from  
N.E. accausely squals of rain. course  
W. all sail set. posed two Ships steaming  
to the N.W. Lat.  $21^{\circ} 55' N$   
Long  $163^{\circ} 21' W$ .

Tuesday Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

This twentyfour hours fresh traid from N.E.  
and pleasant wether course W. all sail set  
nothing in sight watches employed in  
setting up riggen. and painting Boats

Lat by obs  $22^{\circ} 5'$   
Long  $167^{\circ} 17' W$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, From the Sandwich Islands.

Bound to the Cod Sea R. Pontius, Master 1864

Wednesday Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh traids from N. E. and clear  
wether, middle and later part thick rainy wether  
wind untidy from S. E. to N. E. nothing in sight  
men imployed at ships duty course W. all sail set  
No. obs.

Thursday Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part thick and rainy wether  
wind from E. to N. later part strong stidy  
wind from E. course W. all drawing sail set  
nothing in sight men imployed at ships duty  
Lat  $23^{\circ} 47' N.$   
Long  $173^{\circ} 32' W.$

Friday Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from E. middle part  
wind from N. course W. N. at 9 A.M.  
wind holed to W. Ship heding N. N. W. all  
sail set. nothing in sight. men imployed  
in ships duty

Lat by obs  $24^{\circ} 38' N.$   
Long by Chr  $175^{\circ} 26' W.$



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford From the

Saturday Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind from W.  
Ship heding N.N.W. at 1 P.M. tacked ship  
heding S.W. by S. all sail set at 7 A.M.  
tacked heding N. many Birds in sight  
men imployed in ships duty

Lat 24° 56' N.  
Long 176° 18' W.

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Begins with Squaley wether wind from  
W.N.W. Ship heding N. midle and later  
part wether much the same Ship on diferent  
tacks

Lat 25° 20' N.  
Long 177° 28' W.

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hourse strong wind from  
W.N.W. at 6 P.M. took in lite sails and good  
one reef in the topsails wore ship several  
times at 9 A.M. sent down foretop sail to repair  
the dog ends ship heding N. nothing in sight

Lat 25° 55' N.  
Long 177° 39' W.

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Commences with fresh gail from W.N.W. and  
Squaley wether ship heding N. at 3 P.M. finished  
foretop sail and bend the same; at 4 P.M. wore  
ship heding W.S.W. by compass. dubleneafed the  
topsails. at 8 P.M. wore ship heding N.N.E.  
at 2 A.M. wind moderated and canted to  
N.E. wore ship heding W. set all sail ~~sail~~ the  
day ends wind from N.E. by S. ship heding W by N  
watches imployed in splicing mizen riggen

Lat 26° 25' N.  
Long by Chr 179° 20'



Sandwich Islands towards the Red Sea R. Pontius master 1864

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with light wind from E. N. E. and present  
wether course W. by N. middle and later parts  
calm, watches employed in repairing sails

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours light wind from E.  
and present wether course W. N. W. all sail set  
nothing in sight

Lat 26° 25' N.

Long 179° 20' E.

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours moderate wind from  
E. S. E. course W. N. W. all sail set. nothing  
in sight cooper employed setting up cask

Lat 28° 32' N.

Long 176° 34' E.

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong and increasing wind from S  
at 4 P. M. took in light sails at 8 P. M. ship under  
double reefs, mainsail stowed, at 6 A. M. wether  
more moderate let out the reefs set mainsail  
and rib the day ends blowing strong breeze

Lat 31° 15' N. Long 174° 51' E.

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh gale from W. ship heading  
N. N. W. at 6 P. M. wind increased to strong gale  
hove the ship to under close reefed maintopsail and  
foresail, at 6 A. M. set close reefed foretopsail  
the day ends blowing strong gale and a rough sea

Lat 32° 48' N.

Long 172° 02' E.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, From the Sandwich

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part strong gail from W. N. W. Ship heading N. close reefed topsails etc and foresail. at 6 A. M. wore ship heading S. W. the day ends, the gail continues

Lat  $33^{\circ} 12' N.$   
Long  $173^{\circ} 54' E.$

Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong gail from W. N. W. Ship heading S. W. middle part the same. close reefed topsail and foresail set at 6 A. M. wind commenced moderating. we commenced making sail. the day ends dead calm all sail set ship heading whair she likes

Lat  $32^{\circ} 36' N.$   
Long  $173^{\circ} 26' N$

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 64

First part calm ship heading all around the board middle part moderate breezes from S. W. by W. course N. W. by W. all sail set, later part breased on to a fresh gail commenced taking in lite sails. the day ends course N. W. by W. topsails courses & Fih on the ship

Lat  $34^{\circ} 18' N$   
Long  $169^{\circ} 56' E.$



Towards the Port sea, on a Whaling voyage B. Pantius master

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins strong breeze from N.W. ship heading W.S.W. lite sails stowed, at 3 P.M. double reefed the topsails while reefing the maintopsail Charles Covele, one of our best men, fell from the yard. Striking his head on the rim of the top then on deck, killing him dead. The man was mutilated to such a state it was thought proper to bury him at once. so at 6 P.M. the ship was hove to and the burial place at 7. blowing a gale fished foretopsail and clost reefed maintopsail middle part wether the same. at 7 A.M. wether moderatly commenced makeing sail. the day ends all sail set ship heading W.S.W. nothing in sight wind very lite

Long 169° 53' E

Lat 34° 26' N

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from N.W. by N. ship heading W by N all sail set cooper detingup cask middle part lite wind from S.E. later part strong breezes from S.W. course N.W. by W. all sail set nothing in sight

Lat 35° 30' N

Long 169° 03' E

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from S.W. by S. middle part wind increased to a strong breeze at 11 P.M. took in lite sails and double reefed the foretop sail later part more moderate at 6 A.M. let the reefs out and set the maintopgallentsail. the day ends with rainey thick wether. course N.W. by W.

No obs

Lat by account 37° 55' N.

Long 165° 50' E



# Bark E Swift of Newbedford From the Sandwich

Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with moderate wind from W.S.W. ship heading N.W. by the wind all sail set middle part wind from W.N.W. Ship heading N. later part at 4 A.M. tacked Ship heading S.W. all sail set. See many Finbacks. at the close of the day the water contained much whalefeed. Finbacks too numerous to mention the day ends Ship heading W.S.W. all sail set. to a very small breeze from N.W.

Lat by obs  $39^{\circ}48'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $163^{\circ}52'$  E.

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from N.W. and calms many finbacks in sight. and much whalefeed middle part lite airs from E. later part lite wind from S.E. course N.W. by W. all sail set. See many Finbacks and one dead grampas but he was too far gone to save the day ends with lite breezes from S.E. and hozy wether

Lat by obs  $40^{\circ}02'$  North  
Long by Chronometer  $163^{\circ}39'$  E.

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind from S.E. and hozy wether course N.W. by W. all drawing sail set see many Finbacks middle part wether much the same. later part fresh breeze from S.W. by S with thick wether the day ends with drizzly rain see many birds No obs.

Lat by account  $41^{\circ}45'$  N.  
Long about  $160^{\circ}50'$  E.



Islands Towards the Sea of Cort. R. Pontius, Master 1864

Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh breeze from S.W. and inclining to the W. wether thick and rainy course N.W. by W. all sail set at 7 P.M. wind from N.W. wether thick and rainy tacked ship heading W.S.W. all sail set. middle part lite airs from N.N.E. course N.W. by W. the day ends calm. Several Finbacks in sight

Lat by obs  $42^{\circ} 04' N.$   
Long by Chr  $159^{\circ} 51' E.$

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite breeze from S.W. and pleasant wether. course N.W. by W. all sail set. Several finbacks in sight Middle part strong breezes from W.N.W. thick and rainy Ship under double reefs. Fib and mainsail furl'd. later part strong wind and clear wether the day ends ship heading N. many finbacks in sight

Lat  $43^{\circ} 42' N.$   
Long  $159^{\circ} 00' E.$

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Begins with strong wind from W. Ship heading N.N.W. double reefs in the topsails at 2 P.M. wind veered to S.W. by W. set mainsail and Fib set the reefs out the main topsail. course N.W. by W. at 10 P.M. wind from W.N.W. strong breezes double reefed the topsails later part at 8 A.M. tacked ship heading S.W. the day ends strong wind from W.N.W. and hozy wether Several finbacks in sight

Lat  $44^{\circ} 44' N.$   
Long  $158^{\circ} 22' E.$



Bark E Swift of New Bedford. From the Sandwich Islands.

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Begins with strong wind from N.W. by W. and cloudy weather  
Ship heading S.W. by W. lite sails fired. see many pinbacks  
Frank Rofs of duty sick at 6 P.M. wether moderated  
Set all sail middle part calm later parts lite  
airs from E and S.E. then from S course N.W. by W.  
See many pinbacks and Trompeers. Men imployed  
in Ships duty

Lat about  $44^{\circ} 30'$  N.

Long by account  $156^{\circ} 27'$  E.

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from S.W. and hazy wether  
course N.W. by W. all sail set. several pinbacks  
in sight middle part lite wind from S.W. by S.  
later part wind from S.W. by W. course N.W. by W.  
all sail set nothing in sight the day ends thick  
fog Frank Rofs on duty No obs.

Lat about  $46^{\circ} 00'$  N

Long by account  $157^{\circ} 30'$

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breases from S.W. by W  
course N.W. by W. all sail set. at 8 P.M.  
wind haled to South with thick rainey wether  
took in lite sails and haled the courses up  
luffed by the wind heading W.S.W. at 5 A.M.  
kept of N.W. by W wether thick and rainey  
at 9 A.M. luffed to heading S.E. wind from  
S. increasing duple reefed the topsails the  
day ends blowing fresh gail with thick rainey  
wether No. obs.



Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh gale from S. at 2 P.M. fished the courses ship laying on different tacks at 3 P.M. close reefed the topsails hove her head to E & E wether thick and rainy gale increasing at 7 P.M. took in foretop-sail later part at 6 gale moderated wind parted to S.W. wore ship course N.W. by W. made sail at 8 A.M. wether cleared see the land bearing N.W. set all sail the day ends standing in for the land

Lat  $47^{\circ} 22' N.$

Long by Chron  $152^{\circ} 00' E$

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breezes from W. Ship heading N.N.W. all sail set the land in sight in sight  
x haining W. at 8 P.M. Ratoe Island bearing E by N. at 10 P.M. wind from S.E.W. course N.N.W. lite sail fished later part lite airs and calms thick foggy wether the day ends with no wind and thick fog No obs

Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite breeze from E and thick fog middle part calm. later part strong breezes from N.N.W. and thick wether lite snow-squalls Ship heading N.E. all sail set nothing in sight  
No obs.



Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising in

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breezes from N.N.W.  
Ship heading N.E. by the wind all sail set  
at 2 P.M. took in fly jib and foretopgallent sail  
wether ~~and~~ <sup>thick</sup> snowing at 4 P.M. tacked ship  
heading W took maintopgallent sail middle  
part strong breezes at 2 A.M. tacked heading  
N.N.E. wind canted to W.N.W. the day ends  
with moderate breezes from W.N.W. and  
clear wether ship heading N. all sail set  
saw nothing in sight Lat by obs 50° 55' N  
Long by Chr 157° 37' E.

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind and clear wether  
wind from W. course N. all sail set nothing  
in sight. at 6 P.M. the fog come down thick  
middle part lite wind from E. and thick fog  
later part fine breezes from E. course N. all  
sail set nothing in sight No obs.

Lat by account 52° 30'  
Long about 157° 30' E.

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fine breezes from E. then from S.W.  
thick foggy wether course N. all sail set  
at 2 A.M. wind canted to N. Ship heading  
E.N.E. all sail set at 8 A.M. tacked  
Ship heading W.N.W. at 11 A.M. wind from  
N.E. wether cleared sum. the day ends ship  
heading N.N.W. all sail set

Lat by obs 54° 40' N  
Long by Chr 157° 36' E



The Okhotsk Sea B. Pontius master 1864

Tuesday May 31<sup>est</sup> 1864

Begins with lite breezes from N.E. and smokey wether  
Ship heading N.N.W. all sail set, middle part wind from  
E.N.E. Ship heading N. at 7 A.M. wind from N.E. Ship heading  
N.N.W. wether very thick and foggy. the day ends Ship  
heading N.W. by N. all sail set to a fine breeze from N.E.  
and smooth sea all well No. obs.

Lat by account  $54^{\circ} 10''$

Long about  $151^{\circ} 00' E.$

Wednesday June 1<sup>est</sup> 1864

First part fine breeze from N.N.E. Ship heading N.W.  
all sail set. at 2 P.M. tacked ship heading E. thick fog  
at 10 tacked heading N.W. later part calm and thick  
fog the day ends Ship drifting around the compass  
No. obs.

Thursday June 2<sup>est</sup> 1864

Begins with calm wether ship drifting all round  
the compass. at 11 P.M. got a lite breeze from W. course  
N.E. by N. all sail set. at 4 A.M. see the land bearing  
E. at 7 the fog come down thick at 10 the breeze freshened  
and the fog cleared off sun the day ends fresh breeze  
from W. course N.E. by N.

Lat by obs  $58^{\circ} 20' N$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Remarks on board

This day commences with fresh breezes from W. course N.E. by N. all sail set 1 P.M. see the Ice bearing from 2 to 4 points on our lee bow. kept the ship off E. and run to the E. of the Ice at 4 haled up N.E. much Ice in sight middle and later part working to the North in the Ice. at 11 A.M. fog cleared, see the land bearing N. the day ends with clear weather like breezes from E.N.E.

Lat  $58^{\circ}43' N$  Long  $153^{\circ}38' E$

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a fine breeze from N.E. and clear weather ship on different tacks at 3 P.M. see the Pomskey Islands bearing N.E. distance about 50 miles. see several Finbacks. middle part ship working up standing on different tacks. wind from N.E. later part weather pleasant wind from N.E. ship on different tack by the wind. the day ends with light wind

Lat obs.  $58^{\circ}54' N$

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part moderate breezes from N.E. ship on different tacks by the wind at 9 P.M. Pomskey Islands. N.W. by W. distant 35 miles middle part light airs from S. later part calm the day ends with light breezes from S. course N. all sail set. the land in sight

Lat by obs  $39^{\circ}50' N$

Long by Chr  $156^{\circ}12' E$



in The North East Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea R Pontius Master

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs and calms course N by W. all sail set  
middle part lite wind from N.E. ship heading N.N.W. land  
in sight later part wind the same. Ship heading in towards  
the land. the day ends land bearing from N.W. to N.E.  
Lat 60° 30' N.

Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins calm land about 10 miles distant at 4 P.M.  
got the Ancors off the bows and bent the Chains  
40 fathoms on the Starboard and 60 fathoms on the Starboard  
middle and later part lite airs S.W. ship working through  
the ice. to the N.E. all sail set. Land from 2 to 10 miles  
distant

Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> 64

All this twentyfour hours lite bofeling wind from  
S.S.E. to N.W. Ship along the coast to the N.E. all  
sail set. at 7 A.M. hoared fore Boats and pooles  
along the coast about 30 miles See two Polar Whale  
coast not git hold the day ends Boats off



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford Cruising in

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind and calms ship working along the land, at 5 P.M. the Boats come on board. Cape Viliginsk bearing about N. distant 5 miles. middle part calm later part lite air from South course E. N. E. all sail set. the day ends the north shore bearing from W. to N. E. distant about 20 miles Lat by obs.  $61^{\circ} 25' N.$

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from W. S. W. and pleasant wether course E. N. E. all sail set at 2 P.M. see the land bearing E. S. E. distant about 30 miles. middle part lite breezes from N. ship standing in to the land at 6 A.M. spoke ship Florence. Capt. Spencer. Clear at 7 A.M. hoisted 3 Boats and pooled to windward along the coast about 35 miles ship working to windward see no Whales the day ends Boats off

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from W. ship heading off and ~~and~~ on S. W. Bay at 4 P.M. Boats come on board. at 5 P.M. spoke ship Milton see two Whales this season here hear 3 weeks kept off N. E. at 9 P.M. X come to anchor in 12 fathoms off the Elk rocks starboard anchor down 45 fathoms of chains and later part blowing a gale from S. W. the Capt. went on Schoon and broad off three rain Deer



the N.E. Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea R. Pontius. Master 1864

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a gail from S.W. ship at ancor  
middle and later part the same, the day ends bling  
a gail from S.W. ship at ancor

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and mid part ship at ancor. Strong breas  
from S.W. and thick wether. at 3 A.M. got under  
way with lite wind from W.S.W. ship heading  
N.W. by the wind see several ripsocks the day  
ends with thick wether.

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S.W. ship heading  
W. at 4 P.M. See a good menney whale  
loaned 4 Boats struck one and drewed  
at 8 P.M. Boats come on board. middle part  
ship on diferent tacks thick fog  
later part lite breases from S.W. and thick fog  
ship on different tacks courses up got soundens  
in 25 and 30 fathems of water the day ends nothing  
in sight

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with lite wind from S.W. and thick  
fog. Ship on different tacks. at 3 P.M. fog cleared  
for a shord time. see the land bairing from N.W.  
to N. distance about 10 miles at 10 P.M. come  
to ancor in 22 fathoms, give the ship 45 fathoms  
Chain. 1 A.M. wether cleared with a strong breas  
from N.E. got the ancor and stood to the E.S.E  
duble reefs in the topsails at 9 A.M. see Whaile  
loaned fone Boats, the day ends Boats down



Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising in the

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Beginns with strong dublereaf topsail breeze from N.E. ship ship cruising along the land fore Boats down. see 5. Polen Whale, and many ripsacks, did not git hold at 6 P.M. Boats come on board, middle part fresh gail from N.E. ship costeing along the land on different tacks see menney. Ripsacks, later part kept off down the coast with strong N.E. wind and heavy squalls the day ends Mentugen Rocks bearing N.E. distant 2 miles

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Beginns with strong N.E. wind ship running down the land, at 4 haled up into Vuntrennaia Bay at 8 Cape Taigonoss, bearing S. distant about 20 miles middle part lite airs and calms, later part at 7 A.M. loarened two boats to coast along the land the day end calm ship drifting Boats off

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Beginns lite airs from N.E. middle part the same later part fresh gail from N.E. at 11 A.M. Boats come on board after a fruteless pull see no Whail the day ends fresh gail from N.E. and rainey with ship standing towards the eastern shore



North East Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea R. Pontius Master

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong wind from N.E. and thick rainy wether  
ship heading E.S.E. by the wind. middle part at 11 got 25 fathoms  
tacked ship. at 12 wind dropped off wether thick and rainy  
later part lite aiss and calms at 11 A.M. fog cleared, and a  
lite breas from S.E. struck down ~~the~~ the day ends ship  
heading N Lat 60° 23'

Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite breas from S. Ship standing into  
the land at 6 P.M. see Whale loared 4 Boats  
without suceps at 9 P.M. spoke ship Onwood with  
3 Whale, middle part ship making short trips  
in the offen, at 3 A.M. loared 2 Boats to coast  
along the land. see merny Ripsacks  
at 10 A.M. Boats come on board see no  
Pole Whale, kept the ship off N.E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E.  
Land about 10 miles off. the day ends Shag Rock  
bairing S.E. distent 6 miles

Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 64

X Since cruceing in this  
Gulf we have found  
the Charts uceless  
the Lat. and Long of  
the land quite different  
from the way it is layed  
down on the Charts

Begins with lite wind from S. and cloudy  
wether Ship standing up the Gulf along the  
Eastean Shore. at 7 P.M. spoke Ship Milton  
of New Bedford, with one Whale. 45 bbls  
at 7 P.M. see Whale loared 4 Boats struck and  
took the Whale to the ship at 10 P.M. hooked on  
and finished cutting at 1 A.M. at 4 see Whale  
loared without suceps the day ends  
fresh gail from S.W.



Bark & Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in the N. E. Gulf

Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Begins with strong gail from S. W.  
Ship under duble reefs. heading towards the  
North Shore at 8 P. M. come to ancor in  
17 fathoms. 45 fathoms of chain out  
started the works. middle part imployed  
in biling later part ship at ancor watches  
imployed ~~in~~ biling

Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

First part ship at ancor. hands imployed at  
biling. at 7 P. M. got the Ancor and steamed  
for the eastern shore, at 4 A. M. loaned  
3 boats to coad along the land. Wind from  
S. W. wether thick and rainy. at 11 Boats  
come on board the day ends land about  
10 miles distant two ships in sight  
at 12 finished biling

Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twenty four hours thick and rainy  
wether ship standing on different tacks  
under easy sail. strong breezes from  
S. W. at 5 A. M. commenced stowing down  
the day ends thick fog all hands imployed  
in stowing down



of the Sea Choksk, R. Pontus Mooten 1864

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. thick rainy weather at 4 P.M. finished stowing down. Ship heading W.N.W. middle part weather much the same. at 7 A.M. fog cleared the  
X West Shore about 3 miles off got 35 fathoms of water, kept off N.E. by E. the day ends thick fog and no wind

Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from N.E. and thick fog. Ship on different tacks working up the gulf at 4 A.M. fog cleared and the land about 10 miles distant middle and later part weather thick and rainy the day ends ship heading S.

Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breezes from E.S.E. and plenty rain at 1 P.M. the Grampus Island bearing from N. to S.E. distant about 3 miles, wore ship heading S. blowing fresh took in lite sails. at 4 P.M. see a sail to windward steering to the S. middle part lite wind from S.E. to S.W. Ship on different tacks courses up at 6 A.M. fog lit up. the East shore in sight about 4 miles distant. see two Whale. loaded fore Boats. fog come down thick did not see the whale again at 11 Boats come on board. the day ends thick and rainy ship standing on different tacks

Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 64

Commences with lite wind from S. and thick fog ship on different tacks courses up. 20 fathoms of water middle part the same. at 6 A.M. fog cleared land about 5 miles distant see Whale loaded fore Boats. Struck and anchored the Whale fog come down thick the other boats went on board the day ends thick fog no wind. and the tide running about 6. not



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in the

Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with calm and thick fog at 4 P.M. fog cleared took the Whale to the ship commenced cutting at 8 finished at 3 A.M. see one Whale loaned without success the day ends 4 Boats coasting along the land two ships in sight

Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm at 3 P.M. Boats come on board. started the works middle part lite breeze from E.S.E. Steamed N.E. all sail set. later part kept off down the coast at 10 A.M. spoke Ship Melition with 1 Whale. the day ends see no Whale

Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Commences with fine breeze from N Ship on difereent tacks by the wind at 2 P.M. see one Whale going quick loaned without sucefs. middle part Ship on difereent tacks working up the gulf at 4 A.M. finished cutting Boilemy at 8. commenced stowing down the day ends all birds imployed in stowing down one ship in sight



North East Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea, R. Pontus, Master

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Begins with calm ship drifting around the compass, all hands employed in stowing down at 4 P.M. finished. at 5 got a light breeze from S.W. steamed up the gulf at 10 P.M. landed at 2 A.M. landed at 6 landed at 10 landed all without success. Whale going quick, and the weather thick and rainy see several whale

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours fresh gail from S.W. ship on diferent tacks duble reefs in the topsails courses up. see one whale

Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part fresh gail from S.W. ship and different tacks duble reefs in the topsails later part wether the same ship standing for the west shore the day end land about 10 miles distant

Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

at 2 P.M. come to ancor in 10 fathoms landward ancor down 45 fathoms Chain and blowing a gail from S.W. middle part ship at ancor later part gail moderated at 9 P.M. got the ancor and steamed E. with a lite breeze from S.W. the day ends with lite wind from S.W. and thick fog. all sail set course East



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford Chasing Whales in

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

Begins with thick fog at 2 P.M. fog  
cleared see Whail going quickly  
loaned and chased all the rest  
part of the day ship on different  
tacks land in sight E. and N.

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> 64

First part strong gail from N.E. ship by the wind on  
different tacks Boats chasing whale at 8 P.M. boats  
come on board without suceess. middle part fresh  
gail. ship under dubble reef. at 5 A.M. loaned  
struck and took the whale to the ship at 8 P.M.  
at 11 finished cutting 2 Boats chasing the day ends  
with strong breez from N.E. and rainy wether  
Grampas Islands bearing N.E. distant 10 miles

Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part moderate breez from N. and thick  
rainy wether Boats chasing whale, at 8 Boats  
come on board did not get hold, at 9 loaned struck  
and took the Whale to the ship at 1 A.M. finished  
cutting. wether thick and rainy. at 4 loaned without  
suceess. the day ends with the thick and rainy wether



The North East Gulf of the Akkoshak Sea R. Pontius <sup>most</sup>

Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 64

First part strong breeze from N.E. and plenty of rain Boats chasing did not get hold middle part fresh gale Ship under double reefs later part lite wind from N.E. and cloudy wether Grompus Islands bearing N.E. distant 10 miles. Tid running five knots

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 64

At 1 P.M. loared Struck took the Whale to the Ship at 2 P.M. two Boats chasing at 5 finished cutting. Ship Miltion in sight later part at 5 loared Frank. Ross missed a Whale. Bow Boat struck and drewed the day ends all the Boats chasing Grompus Islands N.E. 10 miles

Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm fore Boats chasing did not get hold at 11 P.M. Boats come on board. middle part lite airs from E. and cloudy wether later part at 6 A.M. loared 3 Boats cruiced did not see enny whale at 11 come on board the day ends calm Grompus Islands bearing N.E. by N. distant 8 miles



Bark E Swift of New Bedford, Cruising in the

Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm, at 1 P.M. started the work  
Ship Milton in sight. Grampas Islands bearing  
N.N.E. distant 20 miles at 8 P.M. loared struck  
at 11 took the Whale to the ship commenced cutting  
at 3 A.M. finished cutting the day ends with live  
breas from N.E. and present wether 1

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part live wind from N.E. and present wether  
Ship on diferent tacks hands employed in biling  
middle part the same later part calm  
three Boats chasing Whale struck and daved  
the day ends Boats chasing whale Ship Milton  
in sight. Grampas Islands bearing N. distant  
20 miles

Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm, Boats down chasing whale  
at 10 come on board without suceess. Middle part  
live airs from all around the compas. later part  
live wind and raneey wether at 4 A.M. loared  
three Boats Whale very shy the day ends  
Boats down ship on diferent tacks



North East. Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea R Pontius Master

Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm plenty of Whale in sight, at 9 P.M. Boats come on board without success 2 Ships in sight middle part calm. at 5 A.M. commenced stowing down spoke Bank Florence with 6 Whale, sold her a Boat. the day ends with calm weather all hands employed in stowing down at 11 A.M. finished baling

Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind and pleasant weather all hands employed in stowing down at 9 A.M. finished. Ship Enward in sight middle part calm later part lite airs from E. and pleasant weather, one ship in sight and no Whale, the day ends ship drifting with the tide

Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with calm weather, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. see a breach 5 miles off landed 2 Boats, struck and towed <sup>the</sup> Whale to the ship, at 9 commenced cutting, at 2 A.M. finished, the day ends watches employed in clearing the decks Grompos Islands in sight, distant 10 miles bearing N.E. Ship Milton in sight



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising in the

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite wind from E. and pleasant wether 4 Boats chasing Whale for 23 hours without suceps. trying out on board the day ends Boats down.

Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part good breeze from N.E. and pleasant wether at 11 P.M. Boats come on board without suceps at 5 A.M. board struck line parted and lost the Whale. the day ends Boats down 3 Ships in sight Grampes Islands N.E. distant 15 miles

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm, at 3 P.M. Boats come on board. no Whale in sight Georg Dailey sick off duty middle part lite airs from all around the Board at 5 A.M. board and chased without suceps the day ends Boats down Grampas Islands N.E. distant 15 miles

Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from S.W. Ship on open tacks. Boats down. at 11 P.M. come on board. at 5 A.M. board struck and took the whale to the ship at 10. A.M. at 11 picked up the Whale that we parted from Tuesday the day ends employed in cutting. blowing a gale from S.W.



North East Gulf of the Okhotsk Sea R Pontius Master

Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

All this 24 hours strong wind from S.W. and rainy wether. Ship on diferent tacks dublereafs in the topsails hands imployed in biling nothing in sight

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh gail from S.W. and rainy wether. Middle and later part lite wind and thick fog. Ship under dublereafs, hands imployed in biling nothing in sight

Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong wind from S.W. and foggy wether. Ship on diferent tacks dublereafs in the topsails hands imployed in stowing down, and biling at 9 P.M. cooled down. later part strong breeze and much rain. chocked the main hock the day ends 2 saile in sight. the West coast about 5 miles distent

Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> 64

First and middle part fresh gail from N.E. and thick wether. Ship on diferent tacks later part gail from S.W. and passing clouds hands imployed in stowing down 3 saile in sight. Frampos Island N.E. 10 miles distent G. B. Snow and George Dayley off duty sick



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising in

Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong breezes from S.W.  
and thick fog. middle part the same  
later part fresh gail from S.W.  
and passing clouds ships on different  
tacks no whales, five ships in sight  
Grampas Island 15 distant bearing N.E.

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong wind from S.W. and thick  
fog. middle part the same. later part calm  
clear wether see a few whale loosed without  
X success the day ends Crag Island bearing East  
distant 4 miles. five ships in sight

Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins calm. boats chasing. at 5 P.M. strong  
gail from N.E. boats come on board without  
success middle part wether the same ships  
under double reef's courses up standing  
on different tacks later part gail from  
S.W. with thick rainy wether



The North East Gulf of the Okhotsk sea, R. Contius<sup>most</sup>

Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part strong gail from S.W. and thick rainy wether, ship on diferent tacks later part lite wind from S.W. and clear wether Rocky Pint bairing N.W. 10 miles distant 3 ships in sight, and no Whale

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S.W. and plesent wether midl part the same. later part lite airs from N.E. and plesent wether ship on diferent tacks no whale in sight. see 2 ships. the day ends Grampes Islands N.N.E. distant 15 miles

Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1864

First and middle part lite wind from W.S.W. and plesent wether course N.E. all sail set at 5 A.M. see whal loared 4 boats at 9 come to ancor in 19 fathomes harbord ancor down 45 fathoms of chain out the day ends Grampes Islands W.S.W.

Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at ancor boats towing a Whaler. tid running 7 nots

Tuesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Beging with lite airs from S.W. at 2 P.M. ship triped ancor and droped down with the tide at 9 took the Whaler to go ancor and commenced cutting at 3 A.M. finished cutting got the ancor found the ancor stocks broke drifted down by the Grampes Islands



Bark: E. Swift of New Bedford, Cruising in

Wednesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from S.W. Ships on  
different tacks, all sail set. no Whale in sight  
hands employed in blicing later part calm  
the day ends 3 Ships in sight and no whale  
Grandpas Islands bearing N.E. distant 15 miles

Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind and calms. Ship  
drifting all around the compass. no whale  
in sight at 6 P.M. finished blicing  
middle part wether much the same. at 5 A.M. commence  
stowing down, at 11 finished. took in the broken  
ancor and got another ancor on the bows  
the day ends with a lite breas from N.E.  
course S. by W. rocky point bearing S.W.  
10 miles distant no Whale

Friday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm clear wether. middle part lite airs  
from N.E. and rainy wether. Ship by the wind  
on different tacks. all sail set. later part calm  
nothing in sight men at ships duty. no Whale



the North East Gulf of the Sea of Okhotsk, R. Fortu<sup>m</sup>

Saturday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins calm smokey wether, middle part lite wind from W course N.E. all sail set, at 7 A.M. a gail from S.W. and thick fog, see 3 ships all working to windward, the day ends blowing a gail ship on diferent tacks

Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part fresh gail from S.W. and thick wether ship by the wind on diferent tacks lite sails stowed later part lite wind from S.W. and thick fog, nothing in sight hands at ships duty G. B. Snow on duty

Monday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from allaround the compass, ship steaving diferent ways 4 ships in sight, and no whale. Men imployed at ships duty the day ends crag Island bairing S.E. distent 10 miles

Tuesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from W. Ship standing S.S.W. all sail set nothing in sight but the land E. and W. middle and later part wether much the same. ships on diferent tacks, no whole. Men at ships duty. the day ends rocky point bairing W. distent 20 miles



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in the

Wednesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from S. W. ship on  
difereent tacks by the wind, one sail in sight  
middle part strong breas and thick fog  
later part fresh gail from S. W. and thick fog  
ship on difereent tacks by the wind lite sails fiked  
see no whale.

Thursday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh gail from S. W. at 2 P.M.  
ancored under nockey pint larbord  
ancor down and 45 fathoms of chain 22 fathoms  
of water middle part strong gail at 6 A.M. got the  
ancor and steamed S. S. E. with all sail set a moderate  
breas from S. W. and thick rainy wether, at 10 wind  
conted to S. S. W. tocked ship hedding W. thick fog

Friday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a strong all sail breas from S. S. W. ship  
hedding W. all sail set, thick rainy wether  
middle part lite wind from S. W. and much rain  
at 9 A.M. wind from N. E. thick and rainy  
steamed W. N. W. at 11 A.M. see Cape Pororotne  
bairing N. distend 3 miles. the day ends ship  
hedding N. no whale



North East. Gulf of the Sea of Okhotsk R. Pontius, Master

Saturday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begin with fresh gail from N.E. and much rain  
course N.W. at 5 P.M. gail increased duple reefed the  
topsails. furlled courses and Sil. middle part wind contd  
to E. and moderated ship heding along the land up the  
western gulf, at 6 A.M. the Ell. rocks bearing E.S.E. distant  
3 miles. kept off N.N.W. then N.W. with a fresh gail  
from N.E. and clear wether the day ends course  
S.W. all sail set. Cape Vileger bairing W.S.W. distant  
20 miles. no whale

Lat by obs. 61° 37'

Sunday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong breases from N.E. and clear wether.  
Ship heding S.W. along the West Shore at 9 P.M.  
the vilege of Comanske bairing N.N.W. distant 10 miles  
middle part coasting along to the S.W. at 6 A.M.  
strong gail from N.E. and thick rainy wether  
took in lite sails duple reefed the topsails and  
haled up S.E. to wether the Tamskey Islands.  
the day ends strong gail and thick rainy wether

Monday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begin with strong gail from N.E. and thick  
rainey wether ship heding S.E. under duple  
reefs middle part more moderate at 7 A.M.  
fog cleared some. see the Tamskey Islands bairing  
N.N.W. distant 5 miles. kept off W. down the  
coast wind increased to a strong gail from  
N.E. the day ends ship running along the coast  
to the westward see no whale.



# Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising in the

Tuesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong gail from N.E. ship running along the coast lile sails firded at 3 P.M. cape Barskey bearing N. distant 1 mile middle part lile wind from N.E. ship steering along the land to westward later part lile wind from W. ship on diferent tacks the day ends lile airs from W. no whale

Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lile wind from W. ship by the wind on diferent tacks beating along the land to westward see menny Ripsacks, at 6 P.M. Cape Clever; bearing N. distant 10 miles ship then steering into the enterence of Carvess Bay middle part lile wind from W by S. and thick wether ship on diferent tacks. later part fine breas from S.W. and dark gloomey wether. course N. all sail set see menny Ripsacks the day ends coasting around the bay

Thursday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part good breas from S.W. and thick fog ship steering differend courses middle part lile wind and thick wether later part wether cleand see ther land and several Ripsacks the day ends ship hedding N.W. all sail set

Lat by obs 59° 32' N



Good Sea R. Pontus, Master 1864

Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S.W. ship heding W.N.W. all sail set at 8 P.M. fresh breas from N.E. kept off S. and stood out the Bay later part lite bofeling wind from S.E. to N.E. and thick wether the day ends all sail set nothing in sight

Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with fresh gail from E. and thick rainey wether course S.W. by W. at 5 took in lite sails wether having a threatening appearance midle part gail increased dublereafed the topsails at 5 A.M. blowing a hevy gail from S.E. hove the ship too under clost reefed maintopsail the day ends with a hevy gail and rough sea  
Lat obs 57° 49' N.

Sunday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 64

Begins with a hevy gail from S.W. by W. ship laying with clost reefed maintopsail set heding S by E at 6 P.M. gail moderated and wether cleared set duble reefed topsails at 6 A.M. all sail set. at 10 A.M. wind increased from W.S.W. took in topgolentsails and flggib the day ends strong wind. see several finbacks

Lat 56° 58' N.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in

Monday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Begins strong breeze from W.S.W. and rough sea. Ship on different tacks by the wind topsails courses and Gib set. See several Finbacks middle and later part lite wind from N.W. Ship heading W.S.W. all sail set many finbacks in sight

Lat by obs  $56^{\circ}19'N$

Tuesday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind and pleasant weather Ship heading W.S.W. by the wind all sail set  
X at 3 P.M. see St. John Islands, bearing W.N.W. distant about 25 miles Several Finbacks in sight middle and later part lite wind from S.W. and pleasant weather Ship by the wind on different tacks all sail set

Lat by obs  $56^{\circ}10'N$  Long by Chr  $142^{\circ}59'E$

Wednesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from W.S.W. and pleasant weather, Ship heading N.W. by the wind all sail set see several humpbacks. Middle and later part lite wind from S.S.W. Ship heading W. all sail set

Lat by obs  $56^{\circ}58'N$  Long by Chr  $146^{\circ}36'E$



the Okod Sea R. Pontius Master 1864

Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S. E. and pleasant wether course S. W. all sail set the coast in sight about 35 miles distant middle part calm and thick fog. later part lite airs from E. and thick fog. course S. W. all sail set.

No obs.

Friday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from E. S. E. and thick fog course S. W. all sail set, at 10 P. M. luffed to heaving S. heaving aback later part thick fog. at 8 A. M. lite airs from N. kept off S. W. at 10 A. M. luffed to, to the N. W. the day ends ship laying aback thick fog

Saturday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from E. and thick fog. ship laying aback heaving to the north. at 8 P. M. broaced up by the wind courses up. middle and later part lite wind from E. N. E. and thick fog ship on diferent tack No obs.



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford

Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh breeze from E. S. E. and thick fog Ship on different tacks by the wind courses up middle and later part wind from N. E. and thick fog. Ship on different tacks at 10 A.M. see the land, tacked ship heading E. S. E. the day ends with thick wether nothing in sight. No obs

Monday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N. E. and thick wether at 2 P.M. kept off W. S. W. all sail set. at 10 P.M. luffed too healyards aback. at 7 A.M. fog cleared. see the Shanters Islands bairing S. distant about 30 miles the day ends with lite airs from E. N. E. and hazy wether course S. W. all sail set

Tuesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from E. N. E. and hazy wether course S. W. all sail set at 6 P.M. big Shanter Island bairing south-east distant 10 miles middle lite baffeling wind ship on different tacks later part lite wind from N. E. course W. S. W. all sail set the day ends with Felett off Island bairing S. W. distant 10 miles



Cruising in the Chock Sea. B. Pontius, Master 1864

Wednesday Aug 31<sup>end</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N.E. ship steering S.E.W.  
all sail set. middle part lite wind and thick wether  
later part strong wind from N.E. and calms ship steering  
X into Shantan bay the day ends three ships in sight  
and no whale

Thursday Sept 1<sup>end</sup> 64

First part lite wind from N.E. ship cruising in Shantan  
bay. at 8 P.M. let go larberd anchor in 15 fathoms water  
middle part thick fog. at 10 A.M. spoke Grenke ship  
Eustine 16 months out 70 bbls at 11 got the anchor  
see no whale

Friday Sept 2<sup>end</sup> 1864

Begins with lite baffeling wind from all around the board  
ship cruising in the bay middle part at anchor. later part  
fresh gail from N.E. and thick wether later part the  
sain the day ends beating into Felixto harbor

Saturday Sept 3<sup>end</sup> 1864

First part fresh gail from N.E. and thick wether  
ship beating into Felixto lite sails stowed  
at 2 P.M. anchored in 13 fathoms 30 fathoms chain  
aid later part all hands impleyed in giting water



# Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising

Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at anchor in Fielett's harbor, calm and thick fog

Monday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with calm wether and thick fog at 4 P.M., got a lites breeze from N.E. got the ancor and stood out of the harbor midle and later part lites airs from N.E. ship on diferent tacks all sail set the day ends with the luger loaf bairing S. distant 5 miles

Tuesday Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N.E. and fine wether at 4 P.M. see whale loaned struck and took the whale to the ship at 6 commenced eating at 11 P.M. finished later part struck 2 whale got one to the ship and commenced eating the day ends two boats towing one whale the hands on board implayed in eating

Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with calm wether at 10 P.M. got the whale to ship and commenced eating at 2 A.M. finished and set the watch at 6 A.M. see whale loaned without suceps, blowing a gail from N.E. and thick rainy wether the day ends trying to get into Fielett's harbor



in the Chock Sea B Pontius Master 1864

Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins blowing a gail from N.E. ships beating into harbor at 2 P.M. started the works at 4 cooled down at 7 P.M. anchored in 15 fathoms, larboard ancor down in Felitto harbor then started the works and continued biling the day ends blowing a gail and thick rainy wether

Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfore hours ship at ancor. blowing a gail from N.E. at 6 A.M. dropped starboard ancor hands imployed at biling Cooper seting up casks

Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfore hours ship at ancor watches imployed in biling. at 7 A.M. gail broke and wether cleaned gab the starboard ancor the day ends with fine wether

Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and midle part ship at ancor hands imployed in biling and stowing down. at 7 A.M. cooled down. got underway with a lite breas from S.W. the day ends all sail set ship on difenent rocks all hands imployed in stowing down

Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs foom allaround the compas ship with all sail set drifting with the tide at 4 P.M. fineished stowing down several ships in sight. midle and later part calm. ship drifting no whale in sight



Bark C. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in

Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part calm Ship drifting with the tide  
one ship in sight and no whale middle part  
lite airs from S.W. later part strong gail from S.W.  
at 11 A.M. took in lite sails and duble reefed the  
topsails the day ends blowing strong gail ship on difereent  
tacks between Fieletto and the main land

Wednesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong gail from S.W. Ship with  
duble reefed topsails set at 2 P.M. took in courses  
and Sib ship on difereent tacks men imployed  
in washing Ship middle part wether much the same  
later part strong gail at 8 A.M. set courses & Sib  
split the Sib and bent another the day ends blowing  
strong gail from S.W. watches imployed in repairing  
the Sib several ships in sight

Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong gail from S.W. Ship on difereent  
tacks at 8 P.M. kept off and run into Fieletto Harbor  
let go starboard ancor in 10 fathoms water 35 fathoms  
chain out, at 5 A.M. send down main topsail repaired  
the same and bent it at 11 got the ancor and steamed  
out the day ends with lite baffeling winds the wether  
haden a threatening appearance



Shanta Bay R Pontius Master. 1864

Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong gail from N. E. and thick rainy wether at 4 P.M. spoke Bark slides 40 months out with 500 bbls at 6 kept off and went into Feletto harbor dropped starboard ancor in 10 fathoms of water 40 fathoms chain out later part blowing a gail from N. W. and hevy squalls several ships laying in the same harbor

Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part ship at ancor blowing a gail from N. W. at 5 A.M. gail moderated got the ancor and steared to the westward the day ends Sugar loaf bairing N. distant 3 miles

Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh breas from N. E. and rainy wether ship by the wind on diferent tacks by the wind all sail set later part strong gail from N. E. and rough sea ship under duple reefs no whale

Monday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part blowing a gail from N. E. and thick wether ship beating into Feletto harbor duple reefs in the topsails at 6 P.M. dropped starboard ancor in 10 fathoms water 40 fathoms chain out middle and later part ship at ancor blowing a gail men imployed in repairing mainsail



*Bark & Swift of New Bedford. Cruising*

Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at ancor: blowing a heavy gail from N. E. at 10 A. M. draped larbord ancor 60 fathoms on starbord and 30 fathoms on larbord ancor

Wednesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

First and midle part ship at ancor at 6 A. M. got the ancors and steared up the harbor and come too in 6 fathoms water starbord ancor down 40 fathoms of chain out got a raft of water off the day ends with strong breas from N. E. and thick rainy wether

Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at ancor: blowing a gail from N. E. and thick rainy wether

Friday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at ancor: gail from N. E. and thick rainy wether

Saturday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours ship at ancor: blowing a gail from N. E. men imployed in giting wood

Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and midle part ship at ancor at 4 A. M. wind canted to N. W. and wether cleaned got the ancor and steared out of the bay the day ends with all sail set to a fine breas from N. W.



In Shanta Bay R Pontius, Master 1864

Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong breas from N.W. course N.E. by E all sail set at 7 P.M. stowed starbord ancor and Chiled the chain Shanta Island bairing S. distance 30 miles. middle part strong breas from N.N.W. at 6 A.M. Chiled larbord chain and stowed it the day ends with strong breases from N.N.W. and clear wether course E by S. all sail set. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $55^{\circ} 40' N.$   
Long by Chr  $142^{\circ} 22' E.$

Tuesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong breas from N.N.W. and clear wether course E. by E all sail set see one finback middle part wether much the same later part wind from W. course S.E. all sail set. men at ships duty

Lat by obs  $53^{\circ} 50' N.$   
Long by Chr  $147^{\circ} 20' E.$

Wednesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Strong wind from W. to N.W. all this twentyfour hours course S.E. all sail set. see several finbacks hands at ships duty

Lat  $51^{\circ} 32' N.$  Long  $151^{\circ} 14' E.$



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford. From the Okhotsk

Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong wind from W. course S. E. all sail set. middle part strong gale from W. ship under double reefed topsails. mainsail and Gib stowed. at 8 A. M. see the Island Unnakotai one of the Koural group kept off and passed on the North side see one right whale the day ends blowing a gale from W. and heavy squalls, ship running under double reefs

Lat  $49^{\circ} 15' N.$   
Long  $154^{\circ} 57' E.$

Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part strong gale from W. later part more moderate at 8 A. M. set all sail at 10 A. M. wind veered to N. W. course E. by S.

Lat  $47^{\circ} 42' N.$   
Long  $160^{\circ} 05' E.$

Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

First part moderate breeze from N. middle part light air from N. N. E. course E. by S. all sail set. later part calm nothing in sight men employed in ship's duty

Lat by obs  $47^{\circ} 02' N.$   
Long  $162^{\circ} 57' E.$



Sea. Towards the Coast of California B. Pentius Master 1864

Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

First part calm at 6 P.M. got a lite breeze from E. ship heading S.S.E. all sail set. middle part wind increased to a gail shortened sail at 7 A.M. wore heading N.N.E. hove the ship to under close reefed maintopsail. the day ends blowing a heavy gail from E. and thick rainy wether and rough sea

No obs.

Monday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Sail continues to blow hard from E. and dark wether ship laying under close reefed maintopsail. at 1 P.M. wore heading S.S.E. middle part gail moderated and wind canted to S. at 6 A.M. wore heading E.N.E. set duble reefed topsails. Jib and mainsail the day ends with lite wind from S.W. and a high sea running. thick rainy wether, course E. nothing in sight

No obs.

Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with a moderate breeze from S.W. at 2 P.M. let the reefs out the topsails and set maintopgallentsail and flyjib middle part wind increased to a strong breeze later part moderate breeze from W. at 10 A.M. sent up royal yard and set the sail the day ends with lite wind from W. course E. all sail set nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $46^{\circ}50'$  N.

Long by Chr  $168^{\circ}04'$  E.



Bark E Swift of New Bedford, from the Schock

Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from N.W. then from N. and cloudy wether at 4 P.M. see Ribbers middle and later part lite airs from W. and cloudy wether course E. all sail set see several finbacks men imployed at ships duty

Lat by obs  $46^{\circ} 50'$  N.  
Long by Chr  $169^{\circ} 29'$  E.

Thursday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from W. and cloudy wether middle part lite airs from N.W. later part calm and thick rainy wether see several finbacks men imployed at ships duty Lat about  $46^{\circ} 50'$  N. Long by account  $171^{\circ} 20'$  E.

Friday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh breas from N. by E. and cloudy wether course E. all sail set middle part mutch the same later part strong breas from N. and clear wether see one finback men at ships duty

Lat  $45^{\circ} 30'$  N. Long  $174^{\circ} 39'$  E.

Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commences with fresh breas from N. and passing clouds middle part strong wind from N.W. later part fresh gail at 9 A.M. took in lite sailes course E. nothing in sight No. obs.

Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part fresh gail from W. and squaly wether at 5 P.M. set maintopgalentsail at it split maintopgal at 2 A.M. dubleneaped the topsails later part imployed in repairing maintopgalentsail course E. rough sea on

Lat  $44^{\circ} 40'$  N  
Long  $174^{\circ} 29'$  W



Sea Breeze the Coast of California R. Pontias, Master 1864

Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours strong wind from W. and rough sea, course E. all sail set. nothing in sight

Lat  $43^{\circ} 52' N.$

Long  $169^{\circ} 11' W.$

Monday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours strong wind from W. and rough sea course E. all sail set. nothing in sight men employed in ships duty Joseph Whitford off duty sick

Lat by obs  $43^{\circ} 02' N.$

Long by Chr  $164^{\circ} 09' W.$

Tuesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong wind from W. and squalls of rain course E. all sail set. middle part wind veered to W. & W. later part wind from S.W. and cloudy wether the day ends all sail set nothing in sight no obs.

Lat about  $42^{\circ} 00' N.$

Long by account  $159^{\circ} 35' W.$

Wednesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong breeze from S.W. and thick cloudy wether course E. all sail set. nothing in sight middle part wether much the same, later part wind increased wether thick and rainy at 11 A.M. took in main-royal and fore top-galentsail misen top-most backstays parted replaced them and set them up

Joseph Whitford sick Lat  $41^{\circ} 37' N.$

Long  $154^{\circ} 04' W.$



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford. From the Cohetok Sea Toward

Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong breeze from S.W. and rainy weather  
course E. foretopgallent sail and mainroyal fished. middle  
part weather much the same. at 5 A.M. set all sail  
later part wind came to S.E. ship heading E.N.E. by the wind  
at 10 A.M. bent a new gafftop sail and an old sprinker  
the day ends ship heading E.N.E. all sail set nothing in sight  
Joseph Whitford, sick. George Dayley, off duty since July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lat by obs 41° 15' N.  
Long by account 149° 50' W.

Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part moderate breeze from S.E. and cloudy weather  
ship heading E.N.E. middle part lite wind from E.S.E.  
ship heading N.E. later part wind from E. at 11 A.M.  
tacked ship heading S.E. all sail set nothing in sight  
men employed in ships duty the day ends with thick  
weather No, obs.

Lat by account 41° 35' N.  
Long about 148° 10' W.

Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from N.E. and thick weather  
ship heading E.S.E. all sail set men employed in  
cleaning bone middle part wind from N. and thick  
rainy weather later part wind came to W and the  
weather cleared course E. all sail set watches  
cleaning bone

Lat by obs 41° 35' N.  
Long by Chro 145° 57' W.



The Coast of California R. Pontue, Master 1864

Sunday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part moderate breeze from S.W. and cloudy weather. middle part wind shifted to S.E. and thick rainy weather later part weather much the same. At 11 A.M. wind increased took in late sails the day ends ship heading E.N.E. nothing in sight.

Lat  $41^{\circ} 14' N$   
Long  $142^{\circ} 54' E$

Monday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part strong gale from S.S.E. and squalls of rain at 2 P.M. double reefed. at 6 weather moderated set the reefs out the topsails middle part fresh gale from south double reefed the topsails later part strong gale from S.S.W. and squalls of wind and rain at 11 A.M. took in the Pic the day ends with strong gale from S.S.W. and rough sea. course E. nothing in sight.

Joseph Whitford, G. Dayley, and the Cooper on off duty sick watches employed in clearing bone

Lat by obs  $41^{\circ} 12' N$   
Long by Chr  $140^{\circ} 04' W$

Tuesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong gale from S.W. and squally weather at 6 P.M. weather cleared and moderated set all sails middle part moderate breeze from S.W. later part strong breeze and squalls of rain course E. all sails set, nothing in sight. watches employed in cleaning bone

Lat by obs  $40^{\circ} 15' N$   
Long by Chr  $135^{\circ} 54' W$



Bark & Swift. of New Bedford. From the Chotsk Sea

Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite breas from S. W. and passing clouds  
middle part calm, later part lite baffling winds  
from S. to S. E. Ship by the wind all sail set  
nothing in sight, watches imployed in cleaning bone

Lat 40° 09' N.

Long 133° 52' W

Thursday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from S. W. and cloudy wethers  
middle part lite airs from W and cleare wethers  
later part wind from N. W. course E. all  
sail set, one ship in sight, watches imployed  
in cleaning bone Joseph Whitford and the  
Cooper on duty. Lat 40° 10' N.

Long 132° 56' W

Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Begins with calm wethers at 1 P. M. got  
a lite breas from N. later part the  
wind increased to a strong all sail breas  
at 11 P. M. took in main royal, at 12 finished  
cleaning bones course E.

Lat by obs 39° 23' N

Long by Chr 131° 57' W



Words the Coast of California R. Pontius. Master 1864

Saturday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours strong breeze from N. and cloudy wether. course E. all sail set. nothing in sight watches imployed in repairing larboard boat

Lat  $38^{\circ} 00' N.$

Long  $126^{\circ} 44' W.$

Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours moderate wind from N. and cloudy wether course E. all sail set. men at ships duty. see one ship

Lat about  $37^{\circ} 30' N.$

Long by account  $124^{\circ} 00' W.$

Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins lite wind from N. and cloudy wether course E. all sail set at 5 P.M. Spoke ship Groce Darling of Boston, bound to Sanfrancisco at 11 P.M. hove too. at 2 A.M. wind went around the compass in a squall with rain at 4 A.M. wether cleared wind from N.W. at 4 A.M. see the lite on the Seareyons. kept off S.E. set all sail. at 11 A.M. see the land about 10 miles North of the point new years. the day ends several sail in sight

Lat  $37^{\circ} 00' N.$

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with strong wind from N.W. hands imployed in giting up chains and the ancors off the bows, at 5 come too ancor in Monterey harbor. in 13 fathoms Starboard ancor down 45 fathoms of chain out. at 6 the Capt went on shore later paid hands imployed in giting water Blough Barkens. George Rendle. Joseph Green, deserted



Bark E Swift at ancor in Monterey harbor.

Wednesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this 24 hours Ship at ancor, hands imployed in giting water and repairing riggen Benard. Cutt. refused duty 3<sup>rd</sup> officer

Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor hands imployed in gitting water. and Potatoes off. Coel Heywood deserted, John Lock refused duty and was food in Irons

Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and midle part Ship at ancor, at 8 A.M. got underway and beat out of the bay with a lite breas from N.W. the day ends workeing out Benard. Cutt. on duty

Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours Strong wind from N.W. and smokey wether. course S.E. all sale set nothing in sight. Men imployed in repairing sales at 10 A.M. John Lock was took out of Irons and went to his duty

Lat by obs  $34^{\circ} 22' N$ . Long  $121^{\circ} 38' W$

Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours fresh breas from N.W. and smokey wether. course S.E. by E. all sale set. nothing in sight. George Bayley on duty

Lat  $31^{\circ} 45' N$ .

Long  $119^{\circ} 07' W$ .

Monday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1864

First part lite wind from N.W. midle part calm. later part lite airs from N. course E.S.E. all sale set. Men imployed in repairing sales nothing in sight.

Lat  $30^{\circ} 28' N$ .

Long  $117^{\circ} 28' W$ .



From Monterey. Towards Searos Island. R. Pontius Master 1864

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

First and middle part lite wind from N.W. and  
present wether. later part lite airs from N. at  
6 A.M. see the coast. course E by S. all sail set  
watches employed on the riggen, and making sprungarn  
Lat by obs  $29^{\circ} 54' N.$   
Long by Chron  $116^{\circ} 12' W.$

Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864

x Fresh breas from N.W. all this twentyfour hours. Stearing E.  
by S. at 4 A.M. see Searos Island. bairing S.W. then lufed  
too at daylight kept off down the coast. at 7 got the ancers off  
the bows. and the chains up. the day ends with the Island  
bairing W. distant 10 miles  
Lat  $28^{\circ} 10' N.$

Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours moderate breas from  
N. and present wether. course E.S.E. all sail  
set. men at ships duty Lat  $24^{\circ} 53' N.$   
Long  $113^{\circ} 30' W.$

Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with moderate breas from N. at 3 P.M.  
see Blackfish. loared fore Boats. got one blackfish  
at 5 come on board kept off E.S.E. middle and later  
x part lite airs from N.E. at 2 A.M. see Merion Island  
the day ends the Island bairing E. distant 15 miles

Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 64

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from N.W. Ships  
come to ancor at 11 P.M. in Margarita Bay. Starbord  
ancor down in 18 fathoms water. 40 fathoms of chain out  
at 6 A.M. loared 4 Boats and looked for whale. see  
nothing the day ends Boats off

Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ships at ancor at 7 P.M. Boat come on board. see  
no whale. at 6 A.M. loared 4 boats the day  
ends boats off



Bark E Swift, of New Bedford, at ancor in Margareta bay  
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Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

This twentyfour hours Ship at ancor. wether  
fine Boats out side chacing whale without  
sucefs no whale in the bay

Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor no whale in sight Strong breas from N.  
at 7 A.M. got the larbord ancor and dropped the starbord  
ancor, paid out 55 fathoms of chain, repaired an old  
Boat and other jobs about the ship

Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. hands imployed in scraping  
chainplates and painteing the saim. no whale  
in sight

Thursday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor two Boats up the lee bay  
and two out side looking for whale

Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. boats chacing whale  
without sucefs

Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats chacing whale off  
Shore no whale in the bay

Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. boats off see one whale  
in the bay. boats spoke Steamship Constitution  
from Penamar



Bark E. Swift at ancor in Margeraten Bay

Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part ship at ancor at 6 P M struck a Humpback and drewed, at 6 A M got the ancor and went run down the bay 10 miles and anchored in 10 fathoms, 55 fathoms chain out

Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. no whale in sight. men imployed in ships duty

Wednesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. no whale. Men imployed on the main riggen. Cooper Sick

Thursday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. no whale in sight two boats fishing

Friday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor no whale in sight hands imployed at diferent jobs

Saturday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor hands imployed in scraping the windless and painting the same. no whale

Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats out of the bay chasing humpbacks struck one and lost the whale. see several whales going down the coast. no whale in the bay

Monday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 64

Ship at ancor boats off shore chasing whale without suceps, see several whale going down the coast quick



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford Cruising Along the

Tuesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

First part ship at ancor. Boats off shore chasing humpbacks. See several whale going quick down the coast, at 4 P.M. boats come on board without success. at 6 A.M. took in starboard boat and took an other on the cranes. at 7 A.M. got the ancor and steamed out of the bay with a lite breeze from E. the day ends calm. Mangareta Island N. head bearing E. distant 5 miles

Wednesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Commences with lite airs from N.W. and present wether. course S.E. all drawing sail set. see many humpbacks going quick down the coast middle part calm. later part lite airs from N.N.E. course S.E. all sail set. see no whale the coast in sight

Lat by obs  $24^{\circ} 00' N$   
Long by Chronometer  $111^{\circ} 12' W$

Thursday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part lite airs from N.E. and present wether later part moderate breeze from N.W. wether fine course E.S.E. all sail set the day ends Cape St Lucas bearing E. N.E. distant 4 miles See several humpbacks going quick down the coast



Cost of California R Pontius Master 1864

Friday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Begins with lite wind from E. middle part much the same  
later part strong wind from N.E. Ship on difenent tacks beating  
up along the land the day ends Cape Palmer N. distant 23 miles  
see three humpbacks

Saturday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part strong breas from N. Ship on  
difenent tacks by the wind. later part at 10 A.M.  
kept off E. by E. all sale set. see one finbacks men  
imployed at seting up rigen Lat  $23^{\circ}46' N$   
Long  $108^{\circ}59' W$

Sunday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

First and middle part moderate breas from N.W.  
and plesent wether course E by E. all sale set  
later part calm at 6 A.M. see the land on the  
E side of the gulf the day ends calm  
Lat  $23^{\circ}02' N$   
Long  $106^{\circ}59' W$

Monday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from W.  
and plesent wether course E. E all sale set  
at 7 A.M. see Isobel Island bairing S.E. by E.  
distant about 35 miles

Lat by obs  $22^{\circ}25' N$   
Long by Chro  $106^{\circ}59' W$



Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising along the

Tuesday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

First part lite airs from N.W. middle part calm. later part lite baffling wind from N.E. to N.W. and present wether course S.E. all sail set see two Schooners x working up the Gulf see many Humpbacks going down the Coast

Lat by obs  $22^{\circ} 02' N.$   
Long by Chron  $105^{\circ} 50' W.$

Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from N. and present wether: course S.E. by S. all sail set see several Humpbacks. the coast in sight about 15 miles distant Lat  $21^{\circ} 05' N.$

Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Begins with lite airs from N. and fine wether course S.E. by S. all sail set at 6 P.M. have too x heding N.W. off the enterents of Bandoras bay middle part short trips in the offen later part went into the bay dropped starbord ancor in 10 fathoms of water 60 fathoms of chain out



Coast of California R. Pontius Master 1864

Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Ship at anchor see several whale Boats  
chasing at 2 P.M. struck and cut, at 11 A.M.  
struck and sunk the whale

Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor boats off chasing at 4 P.M.  
took the anchor and went to the whale  
and haled the whale up and took her  
alongside the ship at 8 P.M. anchored in  
12 fathoms later sent 2 boats cruising  
the rest of the crew cutting

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor 2 Boats off cruising. see no whale  
the hands on board employed in baling

Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor 3 boats off cruising. hands on  
board employed in baling

Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor boats chasing whale struck two  
and sunk them

Wednesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor boats of chasing see  
5 whale

Thursday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Ship anchor boats chasing whale. see 3 whale

Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at anchor boats cruising. see several  
whale. could not get hold



Banks & Swift of New Bedford. at Ancon

Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boats cruceing. See no whale

Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boats cruceing. See no whale

Monday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boat cruceing. see no whale

Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Head and middle part ship at ancon  
Boats off cruceing. see no whale  
at 11 A.M. got the ancon and stood  
up the east part of the Bay and anchored  
in 7 fathoms water, starbord ancon  
down. 30 fathoms of chain out

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship ancon Boats off cruceing see no whale

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boats off cruceing  
see 4 whale going quick down the coast  
could not get hold

Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boats cruceing. see no whale

Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancon Boat cruceing. see no whale



in Bandoras Bay B Pontius master 1864

Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor see no whale

Monday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor Boats chasing whale without  
succefs

Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor at 4 P.M. got off two Boats loaded  
with wood later part Boats chasing without  
succefs

Wednesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor Boats cruceing. see no whale

Thursday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor Boats cruceing without succefs  
see two whale

Friday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats cruceing. see nothing

Saturday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats cruceing see no whale

Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor. no whale in sight

Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor no whale in sight  
at 10 A.M. got a raft of water

Tuesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor Boats chasing without succefs

Wednesday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor Boats cruceing



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Whaling

Thursday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor? Boats cruceing see  
several whale, could not git hold

Friday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats cruceing without  
sucess

Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor boats chaceing at 9 A.M.  
struck and lost the whale

Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats chaceing at  
10 A.M. struck and drawed

Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats cruceing  
without sucess

Tuesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats chaceing did not  
git hold

Wednesday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats chaceing see  
several whale

Thursday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats chaceing at  
10 A.M. struck and drawed

Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats chaceing  
without sucess



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Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats crueing. see no whale

Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor boats crueing. see no whale

Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed in stowing the  
after hatch and giting off wood and trimming  
the ship

Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. hands imployed in  
giting wood

Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed in  
washing ship

Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed in washing  
ship and painting

Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. first part hands imployed in washing  
ship. later part imployed in painting

Frank Ross. John Lack. John Roberson,  
Wm French. Frank Patgea, deserted

Saturday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed in painting ship  
and giting water



# Bark E Swift bound from Bandoras Bay

Sunday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. no whales in sight

Monday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

First ~~part~~ ship at ancor Charles Conaway, deserted at 3 A. M. got the ancor and stood out the bay, with a lite breeze from N. E. at 10 A. M. got the wind from W. N. W. ship on diferent tackes stowed Starbord ancor

Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from N. W. by N ship heding W by S all sale see at 2. P. M. stowed larbord ancor. oiled the chanes and stowed them, middle and later part lite wind from N ship heding W. N. W. nothing in sight men imployed in serapeing dedeyes, and Iron work three men off duty sick. E. Snow, John. Gay. and Manuel

Lat by obs  $20^{\circ} 55' N$   
Long by Chronometer  $105^{\circ} 05' W$

Wednesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite bofeling wind from W. to N. W. ship on diferent ticks all sale set the Meeria Islands in sight bairing E. N. E. distant about 15 miles wathes imployed in veras jobs

Lat by obs  $21^{\circ} 20' N$   
Long by Chr  $106^{\circ} 20' W$



Words San Francisco No Pantius master. 1865

Thursday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite bofeling wind from all around the Compas. Ship by the wind on difrent tack<sup>s</sup> all sail set men at ships duty. nothing in sight  
No. obs.

Friday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite bofeling wind from N to W. and squalls of rain Ship on difrent tacks by the wind hands imployed in painteing waterways and Boats

Lat 21° 25' N.

Long 108° 20' W.

Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from N.W. Ship heding W.S.W. all sale set. middle part wind canted to W. tacked heding N.N.W. later part strong breas from W.S.W. at 10 A.M. took in main royal watches imployed in painteing boats

Lat by obs 22° 19' N

Long by Chr 108° 58' W.

Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Begins with strong wind from W. at 2 P.M. took in topgolentails at 3 P.M. footrope on maintopsail parted. sent the sale down and repaired it and bent the same at 4 bope At Lucob baining W. by S. distant 20 miles wind changed to E moderate breas coase W.S.W. all sale set middle and later part fresh breas from N.N.W. Ship heding W. all sale set

Lat 22° 44' N

Long 110° 40' W



Bark & Swif. of New Bedford; from Bandoras Bay

Monday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Commences with fresh breas from N.N.W. and  
smokey wether ship heading W. all sale set  
middle part wind N. ship heading W.N.W.  
later part wind from N.N.W ship heading W.  
nothing in sight. men imployed on the rig on

Lat 23° 14' N.  
Long 112° 52' W.

Tuesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breas from N.N.W. and clear wether  
ship heading W. all sale set. nothing in sight  
middle part wind from N.N.E ship heading N.W.  
later part moderate breas from N.N.E and plesent wether  
ship heading N.W. all sale set. nothing in sight. men  
imployed in packing Bone

Lat by obs 24° 10' N.  
Long by Chro 115° 23' W.

Wednesday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

John Gay. and  
Manuel Pategea  
on duty

Commences with moderate wind from N. and  
plesent wether. ship heading W.N.W all sail  
set. nothing in sight middle and later part lite  
airs from E. and fine wether. course N.W all sail  
set hands imployed in packing Bone

Lat 25° 10' N.  
Long 116° 13' W.



Towards San Francisco B Pontius Master 1865.

Thursday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite airs from S.E. and present wether  
course N.W. all saile set. middle and later part calm, and  
thick cloudy wether nothing in sight, men imployed  
in packing bone No obs.

Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part calm, and cloudy wether middle part  
lite airs from S.E. and rainey. later part lite  
wind from E. and hoazy wether course N.W.  
all saile set nothing in sight men at ships duty  
Lat by obs. 26° 21' N. Long true 117° 10' W.

Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with moderate breezes from E. and rainey  
wether course N.W. all saile set nothing in sight  
at 8 A.M. wind canted to W. at 10 A.M. wind from N.N.E.  
wether cleared the day ends ship heading N.W. all saile  
set. nothing in sight men imployed as riggers  
Lat 27° 15' N.  
Long 118° 11' W.

Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N.N.W. and hazy wether  
middle part wind from N.E. and cloudy wether  
later part wind from E. wether hoveing a threatening  
appearance. a high roaring swell from W.N.W. course  
N.W. all saile set. nothing in sight  
Lat 28° 05' N.  
Long 118° 05' W.



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford. From Honduras

Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part moderate breeze from E. middle and later part strong breeze from E. and thick heavy looking weather, course N.W. all sails set. nothing in sight men employed at ships duty  
No obs.

Tuesday Jan 31<sup>est</sup> 1865

Begins fresh breezes from S.E. and hard looking weather course N.W. all sails set. middle part strong gale and heavy squalls. attended with much rain. at 4 A.M. cased away jibboom cald all hands to clear the rack at 7 A.M. wind went around the compass at 10 wind fresh from S.E. after giting in broken boom commenced making a new jibboom and taking in sails come down to close reefed maintopsail the day ends with strong breeze from S. and broken clouds course N.W. close reefed maintopsail set Lat 32° 35' N.  
Long 122° 27' W.

Wednesday Feb 1<sup>est</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breeze from S and passing clouds course N.W. close reefed topsails set middle part heavy squalls of wind and rain. later part weather cleared and wind canted to N.W. set all sails ship heading N.N.E. nothing in sight hands employed in making jibboom

Lat 33° 53' N  
Long 122° 42' W.



Bay. Swords San Francisco. R. Pontius Master 1865

Thursday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Begins with with strong wind from W. N. W. ship heading N. with topsails and foresail set at 5 P. M. wind continued to N. tacked ship heading W. N. W. middle part wind increased to a strong gail duple reefed the topsails, at 7 A. M. fished foretopsail and foresail hove the ship too under duple reefed maintopsail. the day ends blowing a gail from N. and a rough sea. hands employed on the spar nothing in sight  
Lat 34° 15' N.

Friday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Commences with a gail from N. and a rough sea, ship laying too duple reefed maintopsail set. at 4 P. M. split maintopsail. Set fore and main spencers middle and later part wether mutch the same. at 7 A. M. sent down maintopsail and repaired it. the day ends blowing a gail from N. Ship heading W. N. W. by compass.

Lat by obs 34° 04' N.  
Long by Chro 124° 04' W.

Saturday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong gail from N. and rough sea. ship heading W. N. W. fore and main spencers set. at 2 P. M. bent maintopsail set fore and maintopsails duple reefed. middle parts more moderate set foresail and mainsail. at 6 A. M. sent out Cibboom and commenced setting up riggers the day ends with strong breeze from N. ship heading W. N. W. one ship in sight standing to the southward Joseph Whitford, and G. Snow, off duty sick

Lat by obs 34° 10' N.  
Long 125° 15' W.



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford. From Bandoras Bay

Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breas from N. Ship heading W.N.W. at 2 P.M. tacked heading E.N.E. duple reefed topsails set middle part wind lite and bofeling set all saile at 8 A.M. moderate breas from S.E. the day ends course N all saile set. nothing in sight Joseph Whitford on duty

Lat 34° 50' N.  
Long 124° 54' W.

Monday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fine breas from S.E. and pleasant wether course N. all saile set. see one Pinback middle part wether match the same. later part wind from E.S.E. the day ends all saile set nothing in sight  
Lat 37° 45' N.

Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breas from S.E. Ship heading E.N.E. port top gale ntsail and flyfil firled. at 2 P.M. see pint Ray bairing E.N.E. distant 30 miles. at 3 P.M. see the Fairlone at 7 tacked off shore middle part lite wind from S.E. Ship on difenent tacks later part strong breas from S.E. and a high swell from W. the day ends ship workeing up towards the heads several sail in sight



Twords San Francisco B Pontius master 1865

Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from E. ship diferent tacks  
at 2 P.M took a pilot. at 2 A.M found it brakeing  
on the Bar. hove the ship too, at 5 crossed the Bar  
beat in side the heads and anchored in 9 fathoms water  
starboard anchor down 30 fathoms chain out. at 11 A.M  
the capten went on shore

Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. some time duering middle part three men left  
John Donely, Lues Medever, Thomas Davis. deserted  
later part Ship at ancor

Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and middle part ship at ancor  
at 4 A.M. Steamer hooked on and  
took the ship to dock the day end  
men imployed in getting out fast

Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 65

hands implaye in giting Bone on board the steam  
ship Constitution Georg Dayley deserted

Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentfor hours ship laying to the wharf



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Laying in San Francisco

Monday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Men employed in bracking out Oil George Snow,  
John Gay and George Smith & John King, deserted

Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship laying at the wharf Stevedors bracking out  
John Syn, deserted

Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the wharf employed in bracking out  
Carpenters employed in putting in New  
Bow Sprit

Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the dock hands employed  
in setting up Shooks Alonso Weyner deserted

Friday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Ship at the wharf. hands employed in  
Setting up cook

Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the <sup>wharf</sup> hands employed in setting up  
Shooks

Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the wharf

Monday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Stevedor hands employed in bracking out the ship  
for measuring

Tuesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Ship at the dock men employed in bracking out  
the ship for measuring the ship



S Bark & Swift of New Bedford, Tying in San Francisco

Wednesday Feb 22<sup>ent</sup> 1865

Ship at the dock hands employed in stowing the ship

Thursday Ship at the wharf hands employed in bracing out the  
forepeak

Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the dock stevedores employed in stowing  
ground

Saturday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at the dock stevedore gang employed  
in stowing the ship. at 10 A.M.

steamer took the ship into the stream  
dropped anchor in 5 fathoms starboard  
anchor down 35 fathoms chain and

Benard Cudd absent from the ship

Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor

Monday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed in stowing  
ground tiron Joseph Wilford &  
Lerman. Becher, was discharged from  
the ship Signed clear in my presence  
B Cudd absent from the ship

Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor 3<sup>rd</sup> officer on shore men  
on board employed in drawing water and  
filling ground tiron at 10 A.M. blowing  
a gale from N. Ship dragged at 11. dropped  
starboard anchor 50 fathoms on starboard  
25 fathoms on the Port anchor



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford at anchor in

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor at 10 A.M. Robert Hill.  
John Baker, Manuel Paped, Antone Delomes,  
John Lopez, Manuel Pears joined the ship  
the day ends blowing a gail anchors foul

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

First part employed in clearing anchors at 4 P.M.  
dropped starboard anchor and ~~with~~ fathoms chain  
latter part employed in stowing the ship  
Robert Woods, Mikel Baird, Charles Forks  
Brokens Brockens, joined the ship

Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed in stowing  
the ship John <sup>Kanaco</sup> joined the ship

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed in sending  
down for yard

Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands on board

Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed at setting up rigging  
Bernard Cudd, discharged.

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed on rigging  
C. W. Carter joined the ship at 3<sup>00</sup>  
afternoon



the Harbor of San Francisco R Pontus Master 1865

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor Men employed at setting up rigging  
at 5 A.M. Bobstays parted and let the mast  
aft. after pronouncing many curses got supper

Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor Men employed in setting up  
rigging and getting the ship ready for sea

Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor. Men employed in cleaning the  
ship

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discharged this time in port. in good condition containing Whale Oil

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This Oil was shipped on  
board the Ship Bremonce  
of New York Capt Bates  
cask all filled and in  
good condition

Bank E. Swift of New Bedford, Laying in the

Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed in different jobs on board. New fore yard come along side sent it up. Patrick Muller joined the ship Joe Gum. & Antona Loesser George Gimes, joined the ship

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor all hands on board

Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed on the riggers Samuel Drummens, George Kenwick, joined the ship

Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>

Ship at anchor men employed

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed at different jobs

Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor: at 2 P.M. capt. come on board. at 2 1/2 P.M. Tug hooked on and took the ship out side at 4 Tug let go set all sail course S.W. by S. stowed anchors and chains. middle and later part fresh breeze from N.E. and smokey weather

Lat 13° 25' N.  
Long 125° 23' W.



Bay of San Francisco R. Pontius Master 1865

Wednesday

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours moderate breeze from N. and  
pleasant wether. course S.W. by S. all sail set  
nothing in sight. men imployed on riggen and making  
spungarn

Lat by obs  $33^{\circ} 55'$  N.

Long by chr  $129^{\circ} 50'$  W.

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite bofeling wind  
from N. to S.W. Ship with all sail out  
course S.W. by S. nothing in sight. men imployed  
on the riggen and making spungarn

Lat by obs 330

Long by account  $128^{\circ} 50'$

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with calm wether. at 4 P.M. lite  
wind from W.S.W. Ship heading S.  
all sail set. midle part calm later part  
lite wind from N. course S.W. by S. nothing  
in sight

Lat  $31^{\circ} 30'$  N.

Long  $129^{\circ} 38'$  W.

Barck & Swift of New Bedford. From

Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite breas from N. and  
presents wether. middle and later part  
fresh breas from N.E. and fine wether  
course S.W. by S. all sale set. nothing  
in sight. Men imployed at making Bone  
spungarn. and other jobs on the riggen

Lat 29° 50' N.  
Long 131° 03' W.

Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours moderate  
breas from N.E. and passing clouds  
course S.W. all sale set. nothing  
in sight. Men imployed in repairing  
sails. and making spungarn

Lat by obs 28° 35' N.  
Long by Chro 133° 16' W.

Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

First and middle part moderate breas from  
N.E. and fine wether. later part lite bofeling  
wind from E.N.E. to N. and squals of rain  
course S.W. all sale set. nothing in sight  
Men imployed on the riggen and making  
Bone spungarn

Lat by obs 27° 20' N.  
Long by Chro account 135° 05'



San Francisco Toward the Sandwich Islands

Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours fresh trade from E. N. E. and passing clouds course S. W. by W. all drawing sail set. nothing in sight men imployed on the riggen

Lat by abs  $26^{\circ} 19' N.$   
Long by Chr  $139^{\circ} 44' W.$

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Fresh trade from E. N. E. and flying clouds course S. W. by W. all drawing sail set nothing in sight. men imployed making spunyarn and repairing riggen

Lat  $25^{\circ} 16' N.$   
Long  $141^{\circ} 06' W.$

Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Moderate trade from E. N. E. and hozy wether course S. W. by W. all sail set. nothing in sight men at ships duty

Lat  $23^{\circ} 44' N.$   
Long  $144^{\circ} 05' W.$

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford From

Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours fresh trade from  
E. N. E. and hazy wether. course S. W. by W.  
all sail set nothing in sight

Lat  $22^{\circ} 05' N.$   
Long  $147^{\circ} 13' W.$

Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 65

Fresh trade from E. N. E. and flying clouds  
course S. W. by W.  $W^{\frac{1}{2}} W$  all sail set  
nothing in sight men employed in  
making spruyarn and braking out wten  
and repaing for top galentail and fly Pil

Lat  $21^{\circ} 16' N.$   
Long  $150^{\circ} 33' W.$

Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Moderate trade from N. E. and hazy wether  
course S. W. by W.  $W^{\frac{1}{2}} W$  all sail set  
men at ships duty

Lat  $20^{\circ} 24' N.$   
Long  $153^{\circ} 03' W.$



San Francisco. Towards The Sandwich Islands 1865

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Break trade from N. E. course S W by W  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.  
at 3 A.M. took in lite sail and luffed too  
at 6 A.M. see the land kept off and went  
X into Hilo at 9 dropped starboard anchor 40 fathoms  
of chain out

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor employed in smokeing ship

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor men employed got meat from  
on shore, and setting up cask for water

Saturday March ~~30~~ <sup>Apr 1<sup>st</sup></sup> 1865

Ship at anchor, employed in stowing the ship

Sunday Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor one watch on liberty

Monday Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor, employed in getting water

Tuesday Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed in getting off  
shook and stowing the ship

Wednesday Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed in getting  
provision from on shore and stowing  
the ship

Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford. Laying

Thursday Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. hands imployed  
in giting water and stoars from  
on shore

Friday Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor. hands imployed in  
giting water

Saturday Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands on liberty, the  
rest of the men imployed in diferent  
Jobs

Sunday Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor one watch on liberty  
and one imployed in smokeing ship

Monday Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor one watch on libety  
the hands on board imployed in seting  
up riggen

Tuesday Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor one watch on libety

Wednesday Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor one watch on libety

Thursday Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor one watch on libety

Friday Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Ship at ancor waiting for a wind to  
get to sea

Meikel Baird sick with Venereal



at Hilow Sandwich Islands & Port of

Saturday Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor Men employed in ships duty

Sunday Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor all hands on board at 6 A.M.  
the Pilot come on board, at 10 got the anchor  
the day ends beating out with a light breeze  
from N.E. Found two Kanakans stowed  
away in the ship. Sanil Mendal off duty  
sick Mikel Baird sick with venereal

Monday Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and middle part strong trade  
from N.E. Ship steering for Sochy  
at 11 A.M. come to anchor in 10 fathoms  
starboard anchor down 60 fathoms chain  
out

Mendal & Baird off duty

Tuesday Apr 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed in repairing  
sails and setting up rigging

Mendal & Baird off duty

Wednesday Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor hands employed in  
repairing sails and setting up rigging  
bent a new maintopsail

Mendal & Baird off duty

Thursday Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at anchor Men employed in setting  
up rigging

# Bark E. Swift of New Bedford

Friday Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor at Kilo Men imployed  
in Painteing Boats & and Painteing ship  
Mikel Baird, Daniel Mendal and  
George H. Rondaal, off duty sick.

Saturday Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor men imployed in making  
spun yarn

Sunday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor all hands on board

Monday Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed  
on the rigging

Tuesday Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor men imployed  
in making spun yarn

Wednesday Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Ship at ancor hands imployed  
in making spun yarn

Thursday Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 65

Ship at ancor hands imployed  
in ships duty



At the Sandwich Islands, R. Pontius Master

Friday Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part ship at anchor hands employed in getting off Potatoes. at 9 P.M. got the anchor and steamed for Honolulu. with a light air from E. the day ends with calm weather  
Boat bearing N.E. distance 15 miles

Saturday Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours light baffling wind. from N. to W. ship on different tacks all sail set. the day ends Diamond head bearing N.N.W. distance 15 miles  
Daniel Mendel, on duty

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with light baffling wind and squalls of rain ship on different tacks all sail set later part light trades from N.E. run down off the point at 10 A.M. the Capt went on shore

Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

First and mid part ship laying off and on Diamond head the Capt on shore later part at 8 A.M. send a Boat on shore J. H. Bandal. went on shore to be discharged sick the day ends ship laying off and on

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. From The

Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh traids from N.E.  
Ship, loyng off and onn. at 3 P.M.  
The Capt come on board kept off  
N.W. set all sail finished stowing  
ancors and chains at 4 P.M.  
middle and later part moderate traids  
and pleasant wether the day ends Atty  
bairing W.S.W. distant about 15 miles  
Mikel Bird off duty sick.

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865.

Begins with moderate traids from  
N.E. and pleasant wether. course N.W. by W  
all sail set. one Brig in sight watches employed  
in brakeing out water. and chooked  
middle part lite airs from N.E. later part calm  
hands employed in repairing sails  
Lat by obs 23° 32' N.

Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part calm, hands employed in repairing  
sails. two Ships in sight middle part calm  
later part lite wind from N. and clear  
wether. Ship heading W.S.W. all sail set  
men employed in ships duty

Lat by obs 23° 57' N  
Long by chro 161° 55' W.



Sandwich Island Towards The Arctic Ocean 1865

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. and fine wether  
Ship heading W.N.W. all sail set. middle part strong  
breez from N.N.W. and equally took in lite sails  
and duple reefed for topsail. at 6 A.M. wether  
more moderate. set all sail ship heading W.N.W.  
wind N. the day ends nothing in sight. men imployed  
in ships duty. Carpenter fitting a new Boat. Coopers  
setting up Chocks

Lat  $25^{\circ} 14' N.$   
Long  $164^{\circ} 24' W.$

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with moderate wind from N by W.  
and clear wether. Ship heading W by N all sail  
set nothing in sight. middle part wether much  
the same. later part strong all sail breez  
from N. ship heading W.N.W. all sail set  
watches imployed in Ships duty

Lat by obs  $25^{\circ} 51' N.$   
Long by Chro  $166^{\circ} 55' W.$

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with a strong all sail breez  
from N. ship heading W.N.W. all sail set  
nothing in sight. middle and later part wind  
from S.E. course N.W. by W. all sail set

Lat  $27^{\circ} 29' 29'' N.$   
Long  $169^{\circ} 20' W.$

Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford. From the

Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours fine breeze from N.E. by N. and clear wether. course N.W. all sail set. nothing in sight. men employed in bracing out water. and trimming ship. Mikel Bird, on duty

Lat by obs  $29^{\circ} 35' N.$   
Long by Chron  $171^{\circ} 25' W.$

Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite breeze from N.N.E. and clear wether. ship heading N.W. all sail set middle part lite wind from N.E. and squalls of rain. later part lite breeze from E. and smokey wether course N.W. watches employed in repairing foretop sail

Lat by obs  $31^{\circ} 48' N.$   
Long by Chron  $173^{\circ} 12' W.$

Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite airs from E.S.E. and present wether. course N.W. all sail set. nothing in sight middle part mutch the same later part lite wind from S.E. course N.W. all sail set. see one finback

Lat  $33^{\circ} 14' N.$   
Long  $175^{\circ} 20' W.$



Handwich Islands Towards the Arctic Ocean R. Pontvis master

Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and middle part moderate breeze from S. and clear wether. later part strong breeze from S.W. and hozy wether. course N.W. all sail set. see several Finbacks. men imployed in ships duty

Lat by obs  $35^{\circ} 14' N.$

Long by account  $176^{\circ} 10' W.$

Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breeze from S.W. and smokey wether. course N.W. all sail set. at 10 P.M. the wind changed suding. to N.W. ship heading N.N.E. took in main royal. at 6 A.M. wind canted to W. with thick smokey wether. see one Finback the day ends ship heading N.N.W. all sail set

Lat by obs  $37^{\circ} 33' N.$

Long by Chro  $176^{\circ} 24'$

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with strong all sail breeze from W. and hozy wether. ship heading N.N.W. all sail set. middle and later part fresh breeze from S.W. and a hevy swell coming from N.W. course N.W. all sail set. nothing in sight men imployed in ships duty

Lat  $40^{\circ} 14' N.$

Long  $177^{\circ} 42' W.$

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. From the Sandwich

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from S.W. and hozy wether  
a high roaling sea coming from N.W. middle part  
strong all sail breeze from S. and thick fog  
later part much the same. the day ends with  
thick wether course N.W. all sail set.

No obs.

Lat by account  $43^{\circ} 28' N$   
Long about  $178^{\circ} 50' W$

Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breeze from S. and thick  
rainy wether. at 1 P.M. took in main royal  
at 2 P.M. wind from S.W. at 4 P.M. wind from S.E.  
wether still thick and rainy. middle part wind  
went around the compass and stoped at N.N.E. with  
plenty of rain the day ends ship heading N.W. by the wind  
all sail set Danil Mendal off duty sick

No obs

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breeze from N.N.W. and  
rainy wether ship heading W. all sail set. at 4 P.M.  
wind increased to a fresh gail. took in lite sails  
middle part wether moderated and wether cleared  
wind bofeling, ship on diferent tracks. later part  
wind from N.W. ship heading N.N.E. all sail  
set the day ends with lite airs. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $44^{\circ} 40' N$   
Long by Chron  $178^{\circ} 45' E$



Islands, Towards The Arctic Ocean, By Pontius Master 1865

Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from all around  
the compass ship on diferent tacks, all sail set  
see one sulphur bottom Milked Bird sick

Lat  $45^{\circ} 14' N$

Long  $175^{\circ} 33' E$

Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins lite airs from S. and plesent wether  
middle part wind increased to a strong breeze  
with thick wether, course N.W. all drawing  
sail set. later part fresh gail with thick rainy  
wether. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. parted main topsail sheet  
split maintopgalentsail, blew away fowtop sail  
then took in sail and run the ship under  
duble reefed maintop sail & fonsail  
the day ends blowing a gail from S.W.

Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with a gail from S.W. course N.W. duble  
reefed maintop sail and fonsail set. at 11 P.M.  
took in fonsail and clost reefed maintop sail  
wind conted to W.S.W. and blowed heavy  
at 6 A.M. wind conted to S.W. and moderated  
set duble reefs and fonsail and at 10 bend  
new maintopgalentsail. the day ends with strong  
breeze and rough sea course N.W.

Lat  $48^{\circ} 59' N$

Long  $175^{\circ} 29' E$

Bark E. Swift, Of New Bedford. From

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Bird,  
Daniel Mendal,  
off duty sick.

Commences with fresh breeze from S.W. and thick fog. course N.W. double reefed. topsails and courses set. at 2 P.M. wind canted to S. and moderated. set all sail. wether very thick. middle part fresh breeze from S.W. and thick wether coming all sail. later part wind from W.S.W. fog cleared some. see several Finbacks

Lat by obs 50° 55' N.  
Long by Chron 173° 23' E.

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 65

First part strong breeze from W. and cloudy wether at 3 P.M. took in Fly Sil and goftopsail. split foretopgallentail sent it down and repaired it and bent the same. middle part wind canted to S.W. and blowed a gail. took in lite sails and double reefed the topsails. course N.W. by W. at 6 A.M. wether moderated. set all sail and kept off N.N.W. the day end with fresh breeze from S.W. and hasey wether

Lat 53° 34' N. Long 172° 14' W.

Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 65

Begins with strong breeze from W.S.W. and hasey wether. course N. all sail set middle part moderate breeze. later part lite airs from S. and smokey wether hands imployed in brakeing out water see several Finbacks

Lat by obs 56° 04' N.  
Long by Chron 172° 54' E.



The Sandwich Islands. Toward The Arctic Ocean, R Pontius <sup>inv. at 1000</sup>

Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. and smokey wether, course N. all sail set, nothing in sight. middle and later part wether much the same. the day ends No obs

Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from N. and thick fog middle and later part fresh breeze from S. and thick. Snowey wether course N. all sail set

Lat about  $60^{\circ}25' N$   
Long by account  $176^{\circ}20' E$ .

Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh breeze from N. and thick snowey wether, course N by E, all sail set at 3 P.M. see the Ice, bairing from N. to W. packed & thick, distant 2 miles kept off N. E. and sailed through drift. Ice at 5 the Ice was in sight at all points of the compass lufed by the wind sheading E. S. E. and shortened sail middle part thick wether and snowing ship working to the E. at 7 A.M. wether cleared. see fore ships spoke Bark Asebebe of New Bedford

Lat  $60^{\circ}54' N$  Long  $175^{\circ}30' E$ .

Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh breeze from S.W. and clear wether. Ship working to the north East through the Ice. see six ships. middle part coasting along the Ice to the N. E. at 5 A.M. see two Whail lowered and Bomb the whail and struck load him in the Ice taking the line with him the day ends fresh breeze from S. S. W. and fine wether. 25 ships in sight. the Ice in sight from N. to E and from E to N.W.

Lat  $61^{\circ}11' N$   
Long  $177^{\circ}18' E$

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from S.W.  
ship on different tacks. many ships  
in sight. spoke ship Nassau of  
New Bedford. middle and later part  
lite wind from N. ship tacking off and  
on the ice see several Whail in the ice  
Lat 61° 10' N.

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 65

First part fresh breeze from N.E. thick  
wether and plenty Snow. spoke ship Nassau  
and Bk Cormier. at 8 A.M. fished lite  
sails and dublereafed for topsails fished  
the courses middle part ship laying by  
latter part lite wind from N.E. and  
thick rainy wether. ship coasting along  
the ice. spoke ship C. Dye of San Francisco  
the day ends No obs.

Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from N.E.  
thick rainy wether. ship on different  
tacks coasting by the ice. several ships  
in site middle and later part mutch the  
same No. obs



the Arctic Ocean. No. Pontius, Master 1865

Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite breeze from N. E. and thick rainy wether  
at 2 P. M. lite wind from S. E. accompanied with snow  
spoke ship Brunswick: ships on diferent tacks under  
easie sail. several ships in sight. midle and later part  
wind from E. N. E. thick foggy wether ships on diferent  
tacks drift ice allaround. see Grampescos  
No. obs.

Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from E. N. E. and  
thick fog. Ship in the ice laying aback  
midle and later part much the same  
the day ends thick fog No. obs.

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

First and midle part lite wind from E.  
and thick fog. Ship laying by. at 4 A. M.  
the wind came to N. N. W. the ice opened some  
see a corkess about 5 miles from the ship  
thinkeing it was a dead whale. sent launch  
Boat before reaching it the ice closed  
around the ship and Boat. packed close  
the day ends coneing the Boat on the ice  
to the ship. the ship with the ice packed  
sailed

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising

Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Begins with lite airs from W. ship  
shet in the Ice. at 4 P.M. got the  
Boat to the ship. then walked  
to the corker. and found that  
he had lost its socket. midle and  
later part laying with sails clued up  
lite airs from S. E. and thick fog  
meny Whails around the ship  
Capt & officers on the Ice watching  
holes in the Ice trying to bomb  
a whail. with out success

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Ship in the Ice at 2 P.M. got a good  
lance in a whail. at 4 shot two bombs  
in another. did not see them again  
at 6 P.M. went on board. Ship fast  
in the Ice. wether foggy midle part  
lite wind from N. and clear wether  
later clear with lite ans. at 8 A.M.  
see a ded whail at 1/2 past 8 had a line  
run to the whale the day ends all hands  
on the Ice trying to track him to  
the ship

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 65

Begins all hands on the Ice. trying  
to track the whale. at 4 P.M. got  
him to the ship. commenced cutting  
at 5 P.M. finished and set the watch  
Mr Dunbar blind from the affects of the Ice  
one other man affected. but not so badley  
at 12 midnight started the try works  
later part wind from E. S. E. see what  
we coled a ded whail used every means  
to git to him. without success at 12  
medician it was not in sight



Of Cape Cod, Rhodus, R. Pontius, Master

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with good breeze from E. N. E. wether  
clear Whale still in sight at 2 P. M. made all  
sail. unable to move the ship, at 6 P. M.  
lost Whale out of sight. wether thick, Ice opening  
fast. wind increasing took in all sail  
the day ends strong breeze from E. N. E. ship fast  
in very heavy Ice. boiling

Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Moderate wind from N. Land in sight bearing  
N. N. W. middle part ship moving a little to  
the S. E. at 6 A. M. several spots of clean water in  
sight set Topsails and Jib got the ship's head to  
the N. wind caught a little to E. at 10 A. M.  
ship moving very slowly the day ends  
with spell of clear and foggy wether. several ships  
in sight no whale the mate on duty. partially  
recovered his sight. Robert Baird blind  
from the Ice

Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from N. N. W. and  
hazy wether. ship in the Ice. heading N. E.  
at 3 P. M. set maintopgallent sail and fly Jib  
several ship in sight later part lite wind  
from E. and clear wether all sail set breasting  
the ship through the Ice. hands imployed in  
stowing down no clean water in sight. the  
land in sight bearing from W. N. W. to N. N. E.

Lat by obs 61° 55' N.



# Bark E Swift, of New Bedford.

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird  
Joseph Gum.  
off duty sick

Begins with lite wind from  
S.E. and clear wether ship in  
the Ice. all sail set. making slow  
progress to the N.E. at 5 P.M.  
finished stowing down. Capten  
Mcenben come on board from bark  
Martha walked on the Ice  
middle part Ice more open working in N.E.  
at 9 A.M. found a small clean spot  
see whale loaned struck and line  
panted. larboard Boat slitley stove

Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird.  
Joseph Gum.  
off duty sick

Lite wind from W. and pleasant wether  
Ice open in small places at 2 P.M.  
see whail loaned did not get hoald  
at 5 P.M. loaned and got a short  
distance from the ship the Ice commenced  
to close got the Boats to the ship with  
diffaultia, at 7 Ice packed close ship  
unable to move at 3 A.M. Ice opened  
see whail loaned struck at 9 took the  
whail to the ship, and commenced eating

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> 65

At 1 P.M. finished eating, at 2 P.M.  
loaned struck and the Iron broke  
at 4 come on board. see a ded whail  
about 3 miles from the ship at 6  
took him to the ship commenced  
eating at 2 A.M. finished and started  
the works, wether fine Ice more open  
later part lite airs from south.  
Ice packed close, ship heading to N.E.  
several ships in sight. Cape Thadus  
in sight bairing N.E. distant 25 mits



# Cruising of Cape Thadius. R. Pontus Master

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Thick List  
Mikel Baird.  
Joseph Gum.  
George Kanaka

Begins with lite wind from S.W. and pleasant weather. Ice more open. Ship with all sail out course N.E. watches employed in bailing middle and later part lite wind from S. and pleasant weather the Ice packed very close heard one whail spout but did not see him. the day ends ship fast in the Ice. watches employed in bailing. 40 Ships in sight

Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part ship fast in the Ice, no clear water in sight. watches employed in bailing. 32 ships in sight. Cape Thadius in sight bearing N. distant about 20 miles weather fine a lite air from S. no whales to be heard. middle part heard many whails spouting in the Ice. later part the Ice opened some, see no whails kept off N. dodging the Ice the day ends Ice more open several ships in sight the most of them working to the N.E. Cape Thadius bearing N. Lat 62° 03' N.

Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird.  
George Kanaka.  
Joseph Gum.  
Off duty

Begins with lite breeze from S. and pleasant weather. Ship steering N.N.E. through fald Ice. many ships in sight working to N.E. Cape Thadius in sight distant about 15 miles no whales. watches employed in bailing at 2 A.M. come to clear water. steamed to N.E. all sail set. the day ends with lite baffling wind from S.W. to N.W.



Bark E. Swift. Of New Bedford. Cruising

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird  
off duty

Begins with lite wind from N.W.  
and present wether ship on diferent tacks  
all sail set. at 2 P.M. Cape Thadus bearing W.  
distant 5 miles. at 4 see whails loosed without  
sucess at 5 P.M. finished boileing and commenced  
stowing down. midle part 7 A.M. finished  
stowing down. later part wind from W.  
ship steaving diferent ways no whail in sight  
plenty drift ice.

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 65

First part lite wind from from W. and buttyful  
ship with all sail set steaving E. at 4 P.M.  
heavy clouds and threatening wether at 5 P.M. thick  
wether and mutch rain. at 6 P.M. wind from  
S.E.W. lufed by the wind heading W.  
midle part thick rainy wether ship laying aback  
heading W.N.W. scattering ice all around the ship  
later part at 10 A.M. wether cleared wind from  
S.W. set all sail steaving N.E. by N. 10 ships in  
sight no whails

Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from S.W. and present  
wether course N.N.E. all sail set. mutch  
scattering ice at 6 P.M. see a dead whale. took  
her along side and commenced cutting at 11 P.M.  
finished cutting at 12 set the watch at 3 A.M. started  
the works at 6 kept off N.N.E. all sail set  
scattering ice all around the board the day ends  
fresh breas from S.W. and hokey wether

Lat by obs 64° 10' N.



Off Cape Thadius. R. Ponting. Master 1865

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breezes from S.E. and rainy wether  
course N.E. all sail set at 5 P.M. Ice very thick  
took in late sails at 9 come into clear water wind increased.

Mikel Baird, off duty with Bernerd } to strong gail with plenty rain at 9½ took in Tib and  
clued down the topsails middle part fresh gail from E.

Robert Woods }  
blind from the }  
effects of Ice }

and mutch rain. Ship on diferent tacks in clear water  
later part 6 A.M. duble reefed the topsails fresh gail  
and plenty Snow Ship on diferent tacks meeting Ice  
on each tacks. the sea increases indications of  
mutch clear water to windward the day ends watches

Edward Thompson } employed in bailing No. obs  
Artice feaver }

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins fresh gail from E. canting southealy  
thick snowey wether. Ship with duble reefs in  
the topsails. Tib handed. watches imployed in  
bailing and cleaning Bone. at 5 P.M. finished  
bailing. posed some very <sup>heavy</sup> Ice. the sea indicates  
clear water to Easterward. middle and later part  
wind E.N.E. blowing strong gail with mutch snow  
ship on five hour tacks. at 7 A.M. took in forsail and  
fortopsail. set forstaysail and forspencer see some  
scatering Ice. and five ships the day ends no obs

Mikel Baird.  
Robert Woods.  
Edward Thompson }  
Tomere Kanaka. }  
off duty }

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Sick list the  
sain

First part strong wind continues strong gail  
from E.N.E. and thick snowey wether Barometer  
ranges very low. ship on diferent tacks duble reefed  
main topsail forstaysail and forspencer set some  
drift Ice to be seen middle part wether mutch the sain  
at 5 A.M. wether cleared some see Cape Behern. bearing N.  
distant about 5 miles. set duble reefed topsails and Tib  
and forsail. and commenced staving down ship on  
diferent tacks working to windward the day ends  
strong gail from E.N.E. and thick wether  
No obs



Bark E Swift of New Bedford. Cruising

Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Hick List  
Mikel Baird,  
Robert Woods,  
Charles Forks,  
Tomere Kanaka,

Comes in with strong gail from E. N. E.  
and thick rainy wether. Ship with duble  
reefed topsails set, and Tib and forsail  
standing on diferent tacks nothing in sight  
watches imployed in stowing down. at 4 P.M.  
finished stowing down midle and later part lite  
airs from E. and clouty wether ship on diferent tacks  
all sail set working up the coast. 12 ships in sight  
and no whails. the day ends the land about 10 miles  
distent No obs

Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Tomere Kanaka,  
on duty

Begins with calm cloudy wether ship with all  
sail set drifting all around the board. the Land  
five miles distent. midle part calm. later part  
at 4 A.M. got a lite air from W. course E. S. E.  
wether cleared some at 10 a native Boat come  
along side with 9 helthey looking men in it  
they was on a Sealing Voyeg the day ends with  
lite airs

Lat by obs  $64^{\circ} 23' N$   
Long by Chro  $174^{\circ} 52' W$

Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Charles Forks  
on duty

Begins calm wether at 3 P.M. strong wind  
from E. N. E. and hosey wether all sail set beating  
along the coast midle and later part strong all  
sail breeze from E. N. E. and cloudy wether ship  
working to windword all sail set mutch drift  
Ice at 6 A.M. see the Lawrence Island bairing S. E.  
by Compass. see one Bowhead going quick to eastword  
see many ripsacks. the day ends No obs.



From Cape Behem, toward Behem Straits R. Pontung master

Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

First part moderate breeze from E. N. E. and cloudy wether ship working to windward all sail set spoke Bark John Howling, with two Whal. at 5 P.M. lite breeze from N. W. ship standing along the Ice to N. E. middle part lite breeze from E. and thick rainy wether ship on diferent tacks all sail set, later part lite breeze from E. N. E. and thick fog at 10 A.M. fog cleared some see 8 ships and several Ripsacks the day ends thick fog No. obs.

Robert Woods,  
on duty

Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite breeze from E. S. E. and thick fog ship in heavy drift Ice, all sail set stood to the south, at 2 P.M. wind came to S. S. E. fog lifted and the ship was in clear waters, heavy Ice in sight from W. around to the North and East, to S. S. E. but clear water to S. W. Spoke Ship Elisa Adams, clean, and Bark Camillia, clean. middle and later part calm and thick fog No. obs.

Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite air from N. and thick fog all sail set course N. at 3 P.M. fog cleared see 9 ships, and the Ice extending across the strates. the Dirmeads in sight bearing N. distant fifteen miles, at 4 stood into the Ice at 7 wind from N. lite breeze Ice heavy but not packed close got larbord chain up, and bent it, got the ancor off the bows. middle and later part moderate breeze from N. ship working to windward all sail set, the Hun in sight all this twentyfour hours



Bark E. Swift. Off New Bedford. Cruising

Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from N. and clear wether  
Ship working to windward all sail set. 4 ships  
in sight. Much Ice in sight E. and W. but  
a strip of clear water to windward. at 6 P.M.  
Cape <sup>east</sup> bearing ~~N.~~ 25 miles Diormeads S about  
the same distance middle part strong breeze from  
N. and thick fog at 2 A.M. took in lite sails, at 3 met  
the Ice tacked and hove the ship two heads yards  
aback. at 6 braced full on difereent tacks at 10  
A.M. fog lifted for a few minutes we see a dead  
Whale, at 11 took her to the ship and hooked on

Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 65

Michael Baird.  
Edward Thompson }  
off duty sick

First part fresh breeze from N.W. and thick fog  
all hands imployed in cutting, at 3 P.M. finished  
at 5 had the decks clear set the topsails and Gib  
and started the work see some drift Ice.  
middle and later part fresh breeze from N.N.W.  
to N.N.E. and very thick wether. ship on difereent  
tacks. playing to windward. topsails Gib and spunk  
set. watches imployed in boiling the day ends  
thick fog No. obs.

Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with lite breezes from N. and thick  
fog. ship on difereent tacks topsails Gib and spunk  
set. watches imployed in boiling middle part wether  
much the same. at 12 midnight finished boiling  
and commenced brakeing out and stowing down  
later part at 10 A.M. fog cleared see a ship to  
windward the day ends lite airs from N. and clear  
wether watches imployed in stowing down

Lat by obs.  $67^{\circ} 12' N.$   
Long by Chr  $188^{\circ} 27' W.$



To The Arctic Ocean By Pontiez Master

Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite breezes from N. and clear wether ship by the wind at 2 P.M. finished stowing down set all sail. playing to windward on diferent tacks nothing in sight but clear water midle and later part wether mutch the same at 6 A.M. see a Bark to leward the day ends with lite breeze from N.N.W. and clear wether the Sun has ben in sight all this twentyfour hours

Lat by Obs  $87^{\circ} 40'$  N.  
Long by account  $168^{\circ} 40'$  W.

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 65

Begins with lite breeze from N.N.W. and clear wether all sail set workeing to windward on diferent tacks. one ship in sight. at 2 P.M. fog thick in thick. at 5 P.M. met heavy Ice tacked several times off and on the Ice midle part moderate breeze from N.N.W. and thick fog ship in drift. Ice. with lite sails stowed and courses up. steaming by the wind on diferent tacks. later part mutch the same. the day ends thick foggy wether

Lat by account  $68^{\circ} 10'$  N.  
Long about  $167^{\circ} 30'$  W.

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 65

Commenees with lite wind from N. and thick fog ship on diferent tacks lay with hed yards aback drift Ice alloround midle part wind canted to E. fog cleared. at 12 midnight see the sun later part wind from S.E. steared W. at 10 A.M. come to heavy Ice extending as far as the eye could reach from N.E. to S.W. 12 feet above the sea. steared N.E. along the Ice at 11 wind from S. fresh breeze see five ships the day ends coasting the Ice

Lat  $68^{\circ} 55'$  N.  
Long  $171^{\circ} 22'$  W.



Bark E. Swift. Off New Bedford. Cruising

Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

This ship has proved  
her self worthy of her  
name by taking the  
lead in, and out of this  
strip of water, beating  
George Howland,  
Emory C. Jones,  
Julian  
Ellen Snow.

beating them shamefully

This day comes in with fresh breeze from  
N. and hazy weather. Ship with all sail set  
in a strip of clear water extending to N.W.  
Ice on both sides, at 7 P.M. see the Ice ahead  
but clear water to E. 4 ships in sight.  
middle part weather much the same ship with  
all sail set working to N.W. later part strong  
breeze from S.S.W. at 10 A.M. the Ice closed no clear  
water in sight excepting the strip that we come up  
in. haled on a wind to beat out

Lat  $70^{\circ} 20' N$  Long  $171^{\circ} 04' W$

Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Michel Baird.  
Edward Thompson  
off duty sick

First part strong baffling wind from  
N. to S.W. ship working to windward all sail  
set plenty of Ice E. and W. the ship in a narrow  
belt of clear water middle part wind increased  
to fresh gale. took in lite sails. at 6 A.M. took  
in Fib and mainsail and double reefed the topsails  
Ship on different tacks. meeting the Ice on each  
tack. the day ends strong gale from S.S.W.

Lat by obs  $69^{\circ} 25' N$   
Long by Chron  $170^{\circ} 37' W$

Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh gale from S.S.W. and  
hazy weather ship with double reefed topsails  
set. Fib and mainsail hoisted. at 2 P.M.  
wind moderated to a calm. at 3 P.M. strong  
breeze from W. and heavy looking clouds. set  
all sail course S.E. by S. by Compass Ice in sight  
to windward and leeward middle part more moderate  
later part wind veered to N. at 7 A.M. course E.N.E.  
all sail set. the day ends no Ice in sight.

Lat  $68^{\circ} 35' N$   
Long  $169^{\circ} 46' W$



In The Arctic Ocean. R Ponting Master

Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part moderate breeze from N.N.E. and cloudy wether ship heading E.N.E. on a wind. all sail set two ships in sight at 2 A.M. met the Ice tacked to westward. wind increased to a strong gail from N. took in lite sails and duple reefed the topsails took in Gib and Forsail. later part ship on difrent tacks dodging the Ice. spoke Emma. C. Jones. clear.

Lat by Obs  $68^{\circ} 30' N$   
Long by Chron  $167^{\circ} 41' W$

Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Edward Thompson  
on duty

Begins blowing fresh gail from N. and clear wether. Ship with duple reefed topsails set standing on difrent tacks in hevy Ice but not packed. lost Cape Lisban. in sight. bairing N.N.E. by Compass distant about 20 miles. no Whails. middle part strong gail from N. ship in the Ice with duple reefed topsails set at 3 A.M. see a Boa Head. going quick to N. later part strong gail from N. and thicke fog. ship in hevy drift Ice. duple reefed topsails set  
No obs

Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Comes in with strong wind from N. and thicke fog. ship in hevy drift Ice. with duple reefed topsails and Gib set. at 3 A.M. kept off S. by W. by compass at 6 P.M. found the Ice more scattering lufed too hedding W.N.W. for topsail aback. at 7 took in Gib middle part wether mutch the sain. ship laying aback. at 8 A.M. wether moderated and fog cleared. led reefs out the topsails set Gib and for sail. leaned into the Ice the day ends ship in hevy drift Ice

Lat by obs  $68^{\circ} 25' N$   
Long by Chron  $168^{\circ} 44'$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, Cruising In The

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird  
Robert Woods  
Robert Hill  
off duty sick

Remarks on board. This day begins with fresh breezes from N. and clear wether ship in the Ice. at 3 P.M. kept off S.W. and set all sail. at 5 ship was in clear water see a ship standing towards the Ice at 10 P.M. luffed by the wind heading W.N.W. later part wind from N. ship with all sail set on diferent tacks see three Whail going quick to the N. shawing no chance to strike the day ends ship standing to westwards

Lat by Obs 64° 30' N

Long 146° 27' W

Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with lite wind from N. and plesent wether. ship with all sail set. steaming to westward at 3 P.M. made the Ice. stretching from N. to S.W. at 8 come up to the Ice see 3 ships coasting along the Ice spoke Bark Ontario of New Bedford 2 Whail midle part strong breeze from N. took in lite sails. made sered tacks off and on the Ice. later part at 9 spoke ship Stephana clear at 11 A.M. fog come down thick set all sail to a fresh breeze from N ship heading E.N.E. No obs.

Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

Robert Woods,  
Mikel Baird,  
off duty sick

Robert Hill  
on duty

Begins with strong breeze from N. and thick fog. Ship heading E.N.E. by Compass all sail set two ships in sight steaming the same way. at 10 P.M. come to heavy Ice kept off to S.E. and coasted the Ice at 3 A.M. found the Ice more open. haled up to eastwards at 5 A.M. fog cleared. at 9 made the eastern shore Point Hope bairing E. the day ends with strong all sail breeze from N. and clear wether Ice scattering

Lat by obs 64° 18' N  
Long by Obs 146° 42' W



Arctice Ocean For Whale R Ponting Master

Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with strong breeze from N. and clear weather ship with all sail set, working up for Cape Lisburn at 3 P.M. Point Hope, bearing E. distant 3 miles wind increased took in Fly Sails, and Main topgallent sail a strip of clear water along the coast about 20 miles wide that we are beating in. at 4 P.M. see two ships to leeward later part lite airs from W. and pleasant weather courses N N E by Compass. spoke Bark N. K. Y. with three Whales the day ends Cape Lisburne bearing E. distant 10 miles

Robert Woods  
on duty

Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from S.W. weather fine ship working to the S. in drift Ice. at 5 P.M. Cape Lisburne bearing S. 5 miles distant middle part lite wind from S. E. ship breasting through the Ice. to the North. later part fresh breeze from N. ship on difrent tacks mutch Ice. at 10 spoke ship George Howland. at 11 heavy fog bank to windward and wind increasing doubled the topsails at 12 menedion thick fog

Lat by account  $69^{\circ}25' N.$

Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh breeze from N. and thick fog at 2 P.M. got two small Ancors out and planted them in a heavy flow of Ice. and made the ship fast took in all sail. at 4 tried the Current and found it seting S. W. by Compass about 2 nats per hour middle part riding at our hovers. later part wind increased to a gail from N. ship riding with two ancors planted in a long flow of Ice

Lat  $69^{\circ}22' N.$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, Cruising For

Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part blowing a gail from N. fog squalls  
Ship riding with lite. ancors in a flow of Ice  
match Ice in sight all around the compass  
at 12 midnight the Ice swung around bringing  
the ship on the wether side. picked up our ancors  
set Forstaysail, and run under the south side  
of another and planted our ancors. at 10 A.M.  
fog cleared gail moderated sum. got our ancors  
set duble reaped topsails and forstaysail and  
worked the ship to S.E. at 12 meridian see Cape  
Lisbern bearing E. distant about 25 miles

Lat. by obs  $69^{\circ}03'$

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh gail from N. and smokey wether  
duble reaped topsails and Fib set. heading E.N.E.  
Ice more scattering as we near the Land. at 4 P.M.  
Cape Lisbern E. distant about 5 miles. ~~see~~ two ships  
to windward middle and later part ship on difrent  
tacks working up the coast at 6 A.M. wether  
more moderate set all sail

Lat. by obs  $69^{\circ}20' N.$   
Long by Chro  $65^{\circ}08' W.$

Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Samuel Drumens,  
Mikel Baird  
off duty sick

First part strong all sail breeze from N.  
and clean wether. all sail set beating up the  
coast in a strip of water about 20 miles wide  
standing from the coast to the Ice. at 4 P.M.  
found heavy cakes of Ice several miles long in  
the chonel at 2 A.M. found solled Ice steamed  
south at 9 wind from W. ship steering difrent courses  
to get into clear water the day ends with clean wether

Lat  $69^{\circ}24' N.$



Whale In The Arctic Ocean. R. Ponting Master

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Samuel Drumming  
on duty  
Mr. Baird sick  
with beriberi

Commences with lite baffling wind from W. to N. and fine wether at 2 P.M. spoke Bark A. B. Y. of Honolulu at 3 kept off N.E. in scattering Ice, see Kipsacks and meny Wallness the Land about 15 miles distant middle part fresh gail from N.W. and thick fog. at 2 A.M. dublereafed the topsails and firded Mainsail later part thick wether. ship in drift Ice tocking often standing from the packed Ice into the Land the Led againg when we sholen the water to 7 fathoms we tock off shore at 11 A.M. spoke ship Congress

Lat about 69° 50' N.

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part thick fog. wind from N.W. ship under duble reef making short tocks in drift Ice middle and later part wind from N.E. fog cleared see the land about 20 miles distant spoke ship Congress. and Bark Lagodia the day ends with cloudy wether and lite wind from N. conteing westely

Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Joseph Cum.  
Mikel Baird  
off duty Sick

First part calm at 7 P.M. lite airs from S.W. set all sail stearing by the wind on difrent tocks the Land in sight about 20 miles distant. later part lite breeze from W. and cloudy wether scattering Ice around the ship. packed Ice in sight in to North the day ends two sail in sight

Lat about 69° 12' N.



# Log Book of Bark E. Swift of New Bedford

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from W. N. W. then from N. at 6 P.M. wind from E. cloudy wether course W. all sail set Cape Lisben. bairing N. distant 30 miles at 9 A.M. see mutch Ice in to the North several Rip sacks in sight middle part at 2 A.M. rin into hevy packed Ice holed up H. W. wind increased to strong gail and very thick wether shortered sail to duble reefed topsails at 6 A.M. wind from S. and very thick wether ship struck the Ice hevy domedging the cutwater got hed to eastward the day ends strong gail and thick wether mutch Ice

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

First part strong gail from S. by E. and thick wether ship with duble reefed topsails and fonsail set. heading E. by S. at 2 P.M. found clear water at 4 P.M. Sounded in 18 fathoms at 5 fog cleared sum see the Land about 20 miles North Cape Lisben middle part tacking off and onn the Land. split the Forsail sent it down and repaired it then bent it. later part at 10 A.M. anchored in 10 fathoms water Larbord ancor down 30 fathoms chain out. the day ends blowing a gail from S. and thick hevy wether

M. Baird.  
J. Cum.  
off duty Sick

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

First part ship at ancor blowing a gail from S. middle and later part the same. see five ship tacking off and onn the Land



Cruising in the Arctic Ocean. R. Pontus, Master

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Begins blowing a gail from S. Ship at anchor at 3 P.M. wether more moderate got the anchor spoke Ship Northern Light and Congress Benj<sup>m</sup> Cumings. middle part moderate breeze from W course N. all sail set at 5 A.M. met the Ice packed heavy kept off E. later part wind from N. and thick fog took in lite sails the day ends ship heading E.N.E. wether thick the Lead aging in 15 fathoms watter

No. obs.

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> 65

First part lite wind from N. and thick fog. Ship heading E.N.E. with topsails Foresail and Gib set at 5 P.M. in 10 fathoms. fog cleared a little see the Land about 4 miles distant tacked to westward see three ships to windward at 8 A.M. found the Ice thick kept off S.W. set all sail the day ends with lite wind from N.E. and thick fog watches imployed in brakeing out watin and Bread

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Comes in with lite wind from N.E. and continuation of fog course S. all sail set. at 5 P.M fog lit up for a short time. see six ships steaming S. spoke Bark Robert Towns. of Sidney with 3. Whail middle part lite airs from N. and clear wether spoke Ship Gustave France. with one Whail. later part calm Ship drifting. the Land in sight about 25 miles distant Cape Lisburn bairing S.W.

Lat by obs 64° 12' N



# Log Book of Bark E. Swift of New Bedford

Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Joseph Gum.  
Mikel Baird  
off duty Sick

Begins with lite wind from N. W. by W.  
Ship coasting along the Ice to E. at 6 P.M.  
see several Pipsacks. at 7 the fog come down thick  
with increasing wind middle part fresh breeze from  
N. N. W. thick wether with snow. took in lite sails  
at 11 A.M. wether cleared a little. set all sails  
the day ends ship heading W. by Compass

Lat obs  $69^{\circ} 15' N.$

Long by Chron  $168^{\circ} 16' W.$

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 65

First part fresh breeze from E. and thick wether  
course W. N. W. all sail set. see sum drift Ice  
middle part strong breeze from W. S. W. and snow  
squalls ship steering to N. W. by the wind at 12 midnight  
met hevy packed Ice. tacked to E. later part wind  
unstedg from E. W. to N. W. with snow at 10 A.M.  
tacked to heading N. W. on a wind the day ends nothing  
in sight hands imployed at ships duty at 12 noon  
wether cleared a little for a short time

Lat by obs  $40^{\circ} 28' N.$

Long by Chron  $172^{\circ} 31' W.$

Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

M. Baird.  
Joseph Gum.  
off duty sick

Begins strong breeze from W. S. W. thick snowey  
wether ship heading N. W. at 4 P.M. met thick Ice  
tacked heading E. took in Mar topsails  
and flyjib middle part wind canted to E. and moderate  
set all sail coasting along the Ice to the S. W. later part  
fine breeze from E. and hosey wether ship <sup>coasting</sup> the Ice to S. W.  
watches imployed in ships duty

Lat by obs  $69^{\circ} 12' N.$

Long by Chron  $173^{\circ} 55' W.$



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean. Re Pontus Master

Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird  
Joseph Sam  
off duty

First part strong all sail breeze from S. and cloudy wether ship with all sail set. working to windward making short tacks off and on the Ice at 7 P.M. see a ship to windward middle part the same later part moderate breezes spoke Bark Fanny with two Whail.

Lat 68° 55' N.

Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Beams with lite baffling wind from all around the board at 6 P.M. fresh breeze from N. and thick fog took in lite sails and got the ships head to N.E. courses up. middle and later part wind N. thick thick wether ship heading N.E. by E. at 12 meredian fog cleared. see two Barks. and sum drift spars from sum ship

Lat by obs 68° 37' N.

Long 172° 25' W.

Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from S. and smokey wether. course N.E. all sail set. three ships in sight. middle part wind from N. thick wether with a high roaling swell from S. later part wind from N. and thick fog ship heading E.N.E. all sail set hands imployed in repairing mainsail.

Lat about 69° 40' N.  
Long by account 169° 25' W.



Bark E. Swift, of New Bedford. Cruising in the

Tuesday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Michael Baird  
sick with venereal  
Joseph Lum  
sick with Rheumatism  
Edward Thompson  
lying below with  
Arctic Fever

First part strong breeze from N.E.  
and thick fog. Ship heading E by S. all  
sail set. at 3 P.M. tacked heading N.N.W.  
at 4 P.M. took in lite sails and haled the  
courses up. wether very thick middle part  
wind from S.E. Ship heading E.N.E at 8 A.M.  
tacked heading S.S.W. wether thick. at 11½ A.M.  
fog cleared, see a ship to windward and packed ice  
about 3 miles to leeward the day ends wind conteing  
southely

Lat by obs 70° 10' N.  
Long by Chro 168° 18' W

Wednesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

First part moderate breeze from S.S.E and cloudy wether  
ship heading E. all sail set. see two ships steaming westward  
middle and later part moderate wind from S.E. and  
breezy wether ship heading E.N.E all sail set

Lat by obs 71° 10' N  
Long by Chro 164 00 W

Thursday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from E. and thick smokey  
wether ship heading N.N.E at 5 P.M. met heavy ice  
costed along the ice. at 11 P.M. tacked heading S.S.E.  
middle and later part lite airs from all around  
the board. and thick fog. the day ends thick.  
wether No. Obs.



Arctic Ocean - for Whale R. Ponting Master 1865

Friday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours moderate breeze from N. and thick fog ship with all sail set steaming along the Ice to S.W.

Lat about  $70^{\circ} 45' N.$

Long by account  $164^{\circ} 45' W.$

Saturday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Edward Thompson }  
on duty

First part thick fog. wind from N. course S. much heavy Ice at 6 P.M. luffed too head yards aback. middle and later part wind N.E. and thick fog ship on different tacks working out of the Ice the day ends with thick fog and much Ice

Sunday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite. wind from N. and foggy wether. ship on different tacks working out of the Ice at 6 P.M. wind canted to E.N.E. wether very thick middle part moderate wether. at 2 A.M. fog cleared see 5 ships. spoke Bark Coral. with 7 Whale. later part wind from N.N.E. and cloudy wether. ship steaming S.E. along the Ice

Lat  $70^{\circ} 30' N.$

Monday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from N. and cloudy wether at 1 P.M. see a Whal going quick leaved without success at 3 P.M. come on board. 4 P.M. spoke Bark Coral. and C. Howland. and R. Touns. middle part thick fog ship laying too. later part lite wind from N. and thick fog. coasting along the Ice to the Notheard at 12 meridian fog cleared see several ships the day ends with cloudy wether No Obs.

Lat by account  $70^{\circ} 00' N.$   
Long about  $164^{\circ} 15' W.$



# Bark Ed Swift of New Bedford, Cruising

Tuesday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part moderate breeze from N. and cloudy weather steering along the Ice to H. W. all sail set at 6 P.M. luffed by the wind heading E. N. E. Several ships in sight middle weather much the same at 2 A.M. wind canted to N. E. tacke heading N. N. W. later part strong breeze from E. N. E. ship heading along the Ice to the North the day ends with strong breezes lite sails hunded

Lat about  $70^{\circ} 15' N.$

Wednesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong breezes from N. N. E. and thick fog ship tacking off and onn the Ice at 3 P.M. spoke Ship Eliza Adams. clear middle part weather much the same later part moderate breeze from N. N. E. and hokey weather. all sail set working North along the Ice. several ships in sight

Lat by obs  $71^{\circ} 05' N.$

Long by Chro  $169^{\circ} 01' W.$

Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. N. E. and cloudy weather ship by the wind on difrent tackes working N. along the Ice middle and later part weather much the same all sail set working to windward along the Ice at 9 A.M. spoke Bark Canton Packet with two Whail

Lat  $71^{\circ} 25' N.$

Michel Baird,  
Joseph Gum,  
off duty Sick



# In The Arctic Ocean R. Ponting Master

Friday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with fresh breezes from N.E. and cloudy wether  
all sail set standing on difrent tacks working along the  
Ice. see five ships. middle part 9 A.M. see a Whail. loared  
without sucess at 12. midnight Boats come on board later  
part strong breezes from N.N.E. and dark cloudy wether  
see several Whail going quick to S.W. loared did  
not git hold. the day ends 7 ships in sight packed  
Ice in sight No obs Lat by account  $72^{\circ} 10' N$

Saturday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Michel Baird.  
Joseph Cum.  
John Brookings  
off duty sick

First part strong breezes from N.N.E. and  
dark cloudy wether. ship on difrent tack  
working up along the Ice to N.E. all sail  
set several ships in sight. see two Whail going  
quick to S.W. middle part come to soled Ice stretching  
to S.E. costed it along at 7 A.M. kept off S.W. all  
sail set the day ends 6 ships in sight at 12 meredion  
see the sun for a few minuts Obs. Lat  $71^{\circ} 40' N$

Sunday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breezes from N. and cloudy  
wether ship steaming S.W. along the Ice no Whail  
middle and later part moderate breezes from N.  
ship searing difrent courses see several Whail  
going quick to S.W. showing no chance to strike

Lat by obs  $71^{\circ} 11' N$   
Long by Chro  $169^{\circ} 45' W$



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford Cruising in

Monday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite breeze from N. and cloudy wether ship coasting the Ice down to Southard middle part calm and thick fog later part lite breeze from S and hazy wether ship heading E. S. E. by the wind all sail set. the Ice in sight bearing N. W.

Lat by obs  $70^{\circ}20' N.$   
Long by Chron  $168^{\circ}14' W.$

Tuesday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours lite wind from N. and hazy wether ship on difrent tacks all sail set. spoke Bark Cape Horn Riggen 2 Whail Legodia clean the day ends 5 ships in sight the Ice in sight about 10 miles distant

Lat by obs  $70^{\circ}38' N.$   
Long by Chron  $168^{\circ}42' W.$

Wednesday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite airs from N. and cloudy wether ship heading E. N. E. all sail set. middle and later part wind N. ship on difrent tacks workeing along the Ice to North all sail set. several ships in sight watches imployed at ships duty

Lat by obs  $71^{\circ}20' N.$   
Long  $168^{\circ}46'$



the Arctic Ocean R. Pontius Master 1865

Thursday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Joseph Gum  
on duty

This twentyfour hours fresh breeze from S.E. and thick wether  
ships by the wind on difrent tacks all sails set  
spoke ship Perry Perry. and Bark Cleon. the day ends  
thick fog No obs.

Friday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours wind from S.E. to S. and thick  
foggy wether. Ship steaming by the wind lile sails stowed  
and courses haled up see the Ice several times and two  
ships. watches imployed in ships duty No. obs.

Lat by account  $71^{\circ}20' N.$   
Long about  $168^{\circ}40' W.$

Saturday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 65

First part fresh breeze from S. and thick wether  
ship standing W.S.W. topsails Tib and spankers set  
at 4 P.M. see the Ice. tacked heading E.S.E. at 5 wind  
conted to W. wether thick middle part ship heading N  
at 4 A.M. met heavy packed Ice tacked ship kept off  
S.E. along the Ice the day ends coasting the Ice to S.E.  
4 ships in sight

Lat  $71^{\circ}18' N.$   
Long  $168^{\circ}34' W.$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising

Sunday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from N.N.W. and squalls of snow. all sail set. coasting the Ice. to S.E. 4 ships in sight middle part wether mutch the same. later part wind canted to E. found the Ice extending to S.W. the day ends coasting the Ice to S.W. spoke Bark Fanny 3 Whale

Lat 69° 50' N.  
Long 168° 42' W.

Monday Aug 21<sup>est</sup> 1865

John Brookens.  
Mikel Baird.  
off duty sick

First part strong breeze from S. and hasey wether course W.S.W. all sail set. middle part wind from N.W. strong gail with squalls of snow took in lite sails and duple reefed the topsails, firted courses and Gib later part strong gail from N.W. ship heading W.S.W. duple reefed topsails set. two ships in sight

Lat 69° 36' N.  
Long 172° 11' W.

Tuesday Aug 22<sup>ent</sup> 1865

First part strong gail from W.N.W. and squalls of snow ship heading N. duple reefed topsails set at 3 P.M. set courses and Gib middle part wether mutch the same at 12 midnight met packed Ice, tacked ship heading S.W. at 2 A.M. wind canted to N.N.W. and moderated sum. set all sail heading W. see two ships the day ends with strong breeze and thick hasey wether

Lat 70° 40' N.  
Long 175° 20' W.



in the Arctic Ocean R. Ponting Master

Wednesday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865

First part strong breeze from N.N.W. thick wether ship on different tacks lite sails fished middle part more moderate ship easing all sail. later part lite wind from all around the compass nothing in sight hands imployed in trimming the ship with saltwater

Late 71° 00' N.  
Long 173° 09' W.

Thursday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N.E. middle and later part wind from N. and hozy wether ship steering different tacks at 8 A.M. come to packed Ice kept off W.S.W. at 10 see Heanald Island bearing S.S.W. the day ends with wether thick and snowing  
No. obs.

Friday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong breeze from N.E. and thick snowing wether at 3 P.M. wether cleared for a short time. see  
X Heanald Island bearing S. holed up E.S.E. the land about 25 miles distant. at 5 spoke Bark Aderson. clear middle and later part fresh breeze from N.N.E. and thick wether. Ship heading E. lite sails fished. nothing in sight.  
No. obs.



Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford. Cruising

Saturday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mikel Baird.  
John Brookens off duty sick.  
First part strong breeze from N.N.W. and thick wether. Ship steaming several difrent courses. lite sails firded. see one ship  
middle part fresh breezes from N. and thick wether  
Ship heading E.N.E. later part lite wind from N. and clear wether ship heading E.N.E. all sail set  
nothing in sight watches imployed in ships duty

Lat. by obs.  $41^{\circ} 05' N.$   
Long by Chro.  $172^{\circ} 15' W.$

Sunday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N.W. and fine wether course N.E. by E. all sail set. nothing in sight. middle wether mutch the same at 3 A.M. come to Ice tacked ship. later part lite baffeling wind from W. to S.W. Ship standing to southward one ship sight.

Lat. by obs  $40^{\circ} 44' N.$   
Long by Chro  $170^{\circ} 20' W.$

Monday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite airs from W. ship on difrent tacks at 6 P.M. loared a Boat to tow the Ship around to clear the Ice. middle part lite wind from S.W. and thick fog ship with all sail set steaming by the wind on difrent tacks later part lite wind from N.E. with fog squals ship picking a course through the Ice. to Southward see one Bark

No. obs



In The Arctic Ocean E. Portus master

Tuesday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N.E. and cloudy wether  
all sail set coasting the Ice to Southwards one ship  
in sight middle part wind from S.W. and snowing  
all sail set standing on difrent tacks, later part wind  
from N.N.W. coasting the Ice, the Ice extending to Eastward  
see two ships and no Whail

Lat 69° 44' N.

Long 169° 32' W.

Wednesday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Nikel Baird  
Robert Woods  
John Brookens  
Daniel Mendle  
off duty sick

First part fresh breeze from N.N.W. ship steering  
to N.E. all sail set coasting the Ice. see one Whail  
going quick to S.W. middle part wether much the  
saim. at 2 A.M. spoke Bark G. P. West five Whail  
bound S. later part strong breezes from N. and  
thick snowey wether ship steering by the winds  
on difrent tacks workeing to the North along the  
Ice

Lat 69° 51' N.

Long 165° 52' W.

Thursday Aug 31<sup>est</sup> 1865

This twentyfore hours strong untidy wind from N. and  
squalls of snow ship by the wind on difrent tacks. lite  
sails firlde see two ships and no Whail

Lat 70° 30' N.

Long 166° 38' W.

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising

Friday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

D. Mendle  
on duty

First part strong baffling wind from N.N.W  
to N.N.E. and snow squalls ship on difrent tacks  
all sail set. see several ships. and one Whail  
and scattering Ice. Middle part lite wind  
ship on difrent tack later part lite wind  
from N. see several Whail going very quick  
at 7 A.M. loared and chaiced without sucess

Lat 70° 45' N.  
Long 166° 01' W.

Saturday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

B. Woods  
on duty

All this twentyfour hours lite airs from N.N.E.  
and hokey wether at 1 P.M. see a Whail. loared  
without sucess at 7 P.M. loared did not git  
hold scattering Ice in sight. and several ships  
Spoke ship Gov Troop 9 Whails spoke Bark  
E. Snow 5 Whails

Lat 70° 46' N.  
Long 166° 22' W.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours lite wind from S.E. and S.  
Ship stearing by the wind on difrent tacks all sail  
set Ice in sight beairing from E. to S.W. around  
to the N. several ships in sight and no Whail  
watches imployed in brakeing out water and stowing  
down salt water

No. obs.



in the Arctic Ocean R. Ponting Master

Monday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from S.E. and cloudy wether  
Middle part strong breezes from N.N.E. and squalls of  
snow took in lite sails. Later part strong wind from  
N. and snowing. Ship on difrent tacks Topsails Fil and  
Spanker set, courses halled up. see several ships and  
much drift ice.

Lat 40 30 N.  
Long by account 166 00 W.

Tuesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong gail from N.N.E. and thick snowey  
wether. Ship by the wind on difrent tacks. at 6 P.M.  
duble reefed the topsails firded mainsail. Middle part  
strong gail. and thick wether later part lite wind  
from N.N.E. and thick snowey wether Ship on difrent  
tacks. Spoke Bark Clevere Crocker, the day  
ends strong breeze from N.N.E. and thick  
snowey wether

Wednesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. and cloudy wether  
Ship steaming difrent courses. Spoke French ship  
Winslow 5. Whail. Middle and later part strong  
gail from N. and thick snowey wether duble  
reefed topsails and spencers set. see several  
ships D. 06

# Bark E. Swift of New Bedford, - Cruising

Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong gail from S. and thick  
snowey wether. Ship by the wind on difrent  
tacks, with duple reefed topsails set.  
later part moderate breeze from N.E.  
Ship carring all sail steaming to the westward  
along the Ice. several ships in sight

Lat by obs  $70^{\circ} 43' N$   
Long by Chro  $164^{\circ} 22' W$

Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours blowing a gail from N.  
and thick wether with snow. Ship under  
duple reefed topsails set. steaming on difrent  
tacks along the Ice. see several Whail going  
quick. at 5 P.M. loared without success  
at 7 took up the Boats several ships in  
sight

No. obs.

Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part blowing a gail from N. and  
snowing Ship with duple reefed topsails  
set steaming on difrent tacks, at 5 P.M.  
loared did not see the Whail again  
middle part gail moderated, at 6 A.M.  
set all sail steaming N.W. the day ends  
with strong breeze from N.N.E. and cloudy  
wether several ships in sight

Lat  $71^{\circ} 20' N$   
Long  $164^{\circ} 24' W$



In The Arctic Ocean B Ponting Master

Sunday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours blowing a gail from N. with squalls of snow ship with duble reefed topsails set. Steaming on difrent tacks 5 ships in sight at 11 A.M. spoke Bark Comileren 6. Whail shipped James Smith. forth mate the day ends strong gail

Lat  $71^{\circ} 02' N.$   
Long  $174^{\circ} 24' W.$

Monday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours strong breeze from N and cloudy wether. Ship on difrent tacks duble reefed topsails set. loased several times for Whail going quick to S.W. did not git hold

No. obs.  
Lat by account  $71^{\circ} 10' N.$

Tuesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours strong gail from N. and snowing ship with duble reefed topsails set steaming on difrent tacks loased several times for Whail going quick to S.W. did not git hold see several ships

No. obs

# Bark E. Swift of New Bedford - Cruising

Wednesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours strong gail from N. and snowing. dubleneaped topsails set. Stearing on difrent tacks loared several times for Whaile and did not see them again. at 7 A.M. split the Tib. bent a new one Martene Murey. fel from the Tibboom loared a Boat and picked him up the day ends blowing strong gail

Lat  $41^{\circ} 40' N.$   
Long about  $175^{\circ} 30' W.$

Thursday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours strong gail from N. E. and snowing. Ship with duble reaped topsails set. Stearing on difrent tacks by the wind. see several ships, and one  
Whale

No. obs.

Friday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and midle part strong gail from N. and snowing Ship on difrent tacks duble reaped topsails set. tacking off and onn the Ice later part wether cleared. see a Whail, at 10 A.M. loared and Struck at  $10\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. fog come down thick. at 11 Ship found the Boats and took the Whale along side and commenced cutting

Lat  $41^{\circ} 20' N.$



In The Arctic Ocean R Ponting Master

Saturday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong breeze from N. and thick wether, at 3 P.M. finished cutting. Middle part strong breezes and thick fog. Ship on difrent tacks, at 8 A.M. run into the Ice backed the Ship out and hove too, at 10 fog cleared sum see seven ships and no Whale the day ends with strong breeze

Lat about  $71^{\circ}40' N$

Sunday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and middle part strong breezes from S. and cloudy wether. Later part. more moderate. Ship on difrent tacks duple reefed topsails set. at 7 P.M. spoke Ship Northern Light, with 3 Whale. at 5 A.M. see a Whale going quick. Loosed and did not see him a gain. at 9 started the works. the day ends 4 Ships in sight

Lat  $71^{\circ}12' N$   
Long  $165^{\circ}05' W$

Monday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours strong gail N. and S.E. and cloudy wether. Ship by the wind on difrent tacks, duple reefed topsails set. at 10 A.M. finished boiling the day ends blowing strong and snowing

No. obs.

Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford. Cruising

Tuesday Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours fresh breezes from N. and thick snowy wether ship with duple reefed topsails set steaming on difrent tacks along the Ice. see several Whale going quick. loared several times without success at A.M. commenced stowing down. at 10 finished Spoke Bark Martha. with one Whale

No. obs.

Wednesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part strong breeze from N. and snowing duple reefed topsails set cruising along the Ice. at 1 P.M. loared for Whale at 4 come on board cold not strike ~~them~~ middle and later part wether mutch the saim ship cruising along the Ice. see two ships the day ends snowing

No obs

Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

First part fresh breeze from N.W. and snowing at 6 P.M. see a Whale going quick. to S.W. loared and did not git near him Middle and later part strong breezes from S.W. and snowing ship on difrent tacks see several ships and no Whale

No. obs.



In The Arctic Ocean R. Ponting, Master

Friday Sept 22<sup>ent</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours strong all sail breeze from S. W.  
and snowing First part gaming with Bark Mercury  
middle and later part all sail set making short tacks  
off and on the Ice working to S. W. five ships in sight

The day ends No obs

Saturday Sept 23<sup>end</sup> 1865

First part lite. airs from E. and pleasant  
wether Ship coasting along the Ice to Westward  
all sail set middle part strong breeze from  
N. W. duple reefed topsails set. later part  
course W. S. W. nothing in sight No obs

Sunday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong breezes from N. W. and cloudy wether  
course W. S. W. duple reefed topsails set, nothing  
in sight at 11 A. M. see a Whale going quick  
loosed did not see him again the day ends  
No. obs.

Bark E. Swift. of New Bedford

Monday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

The Mate Sick

This twentyfour hours strong breezes from N.E.  
and cloudy wether course W.S.W. duple  
reefed topsail set from 4 P.M. to 5 A.M.  
Ship hove too head yards aback

No obs

Tuesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mate on duty

All this twentyfour hours strong breeze from N.  
ship with duple reefed topsail set course  
W.S.W. at 10 Sec. Whale, loared struck at  
12 meridian took the Whale to the ship  
the day ends with dark gloomy wether

No, obs

Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. and donke cloudy  
wether all hands implaged in cutting at 6 P.M.  
finished cutting duering middle part ship laying  
by hands implaged in clearing decks at 6 A.M. see  
Whale loared struck and drawd. the day ends  
with dark gloomy wether Litt ships in sight  
and several Whale

No obs



# Cruising In The Arctic Ocean. R. Ponting Master

Thursday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind and pleasant wether at 1 P.M.  
See several Whale loosed and struck and at 5 P.M.  
took the Whale to the ship. and commenced cutting  
at 10 finished cutting later part loosed struck and  
drawd the day ends with lite wind from from  
N. and good wether six ships in sight

Lat 70° 30' N.  
Long 146° 01' W.

Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours lite wind from N. and fine  
wether hands imployed in biling at 3 P.M.  
see Heard Island bairing N. distant about  
X 20 miles several ships in sight and no Whale  
the day ends no obs.

Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours moderate breezes from  
W. and thick snowey wether at 10 A.M. loosed  
for Whale without suceps the ship heading  
difrent courses see two ships No obs

Sunday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Wind from N. wether thick and snowing  
ship with duple reefed topsails set, all hands  
imployed in stowing down nothing in sight

No obs.

# Bark E Swift of New Bedford Cruising

Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

The mate sick  
and ill, Baint  
J. Brokens,  
J. Brokens  
David Rancor,  
J. Stankewarth  
Charles, York,

First part strong breezes from N. and  
snowing hands employed in stowing down, at 6 P.M.  
finished stowing down, Spoke Bark Bomiles  
with 1000 bbls. we had fine Whale when she was  
clean, middle part ship with double reefed topsails  
set steaming on different tacks at 8 A.M. kept  
off E.S.E. double reefed topsails set strong gail  
from N. and snowing

Lat 69° 25' N.  
Long 174° 14' W.

Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

First and middle part strong gail from N. and  
thick snowey wether course E.S.E. double reefed  
topsails set, later part wether more moderate  
all sail set course S.E. three ships in sight  
N.B. ab

Wednesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with moderate breeze from N.E. and cloudy wether  
course S.E. all sail set 3 ships in sight middle part  
snowing. at 7 A.M. see the Dimeads bairing N. distant  
30 miles kept of for them Spoke Bark Camilla  
the day ends with moderate breeze from N.E. and  
cloudy wether



In The Arctic Ocean Pontus Commander

Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with lite wind from N.E. and dork wether course S by W  
all sail set Diomeads bairing S.E distant 3 miles at 2 P.M.  
Cape East N.W. midle and later lite wind from E. and claudy  
wether course S.S.W all sail set spoke ship Julian  
No obs

Friday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Lite wind from N.E. and hosey wether ship heading S.S.W.  
all sail set three ships in sight. bound to the West shore  
in sight the day ends with lite wind and smokey weth  
No obs

Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

All this twentyfour hours lite wind from N.E. and  
cloudy wether course S.S.E. all sail set nothing  
in sight Men imployed in ships duty  
No. obs.

Sunday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

This twentyfour hours lite airs from E. N.E. and  
hosey wether course S.S.E. all sail set. see several  
Humpbacks at 11 A.M. loaned one Boat without  
sucess

Lat 62° 34' N.  
Long 174° 33' W.

Bark E Swift of New Bedford Bound

Monday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sick List  
John Brocken  
Mikel Baird  
Richard Timerson  
John Baker  
Charles Forks  
John Starkwethy  
Antone Pategl  
Amanuel Pears

First part lite wind from N.E. and cloudy wether  
see several Humpbacks. middle and later part  
moderate breeze from N. and hoey wether  
course S.E. all sail set

Lat 60° 20' N.  
Long 174° 09' W.

Tuesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

First part lite wind from N. and cloudy wether  
a high swell coming from N.W. at 1 P.M. haled up  
E. at 5 see Goers Island. bairing E.N.E. distant  
about 20 miles at 7 kept off S.E. by S. all sail set  
middle and later part strong gail from N.  
course S.E. by S. all sail set

Lat 54° 30' N.  
Long 172° 23' W.

Wednesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

Begins with a gail from N. course S.E. by S.  
all sail set, at 6 P.M. took in sail and luffed too  
the ~~Goers~~ Islands about 25 miles distant, at 6 A.M.  
kept off S.E. by S and went through the fort Islands  
the day ends with lite wind from N.E. and cloudy wether

Long by Chrs 171° 32' W.



From Behren strates Towards San Francisco Pontus most

Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

Moderate breezes from S. W. course S. E. by E.  
all sail set. watches employed in scraping Bone  
Lat.  $50^{\circ} 20' N.$   
Long  $164^{\circ} 23' W.$

Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Light wind from N. W. and cloudy weather course S. E. by E.  
all sail set. watches employed in cleaning Bone

Saturday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong gail from N. and passing clouds course S. E. by S.  
duble reefed topsails set. nothing in sight watches employed  
on Bone

Lat  $48^{\circ} 30' N.$   
Long  $166^{\circ} 20' W.$

Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong gail from N. course S. E. by S. duble reefed  
topsails set. nothing in sight

Lat  $46^{\circ} 28' N.$   
Long  $162^{\circ} 00' W.$

Monday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong gail from W. course E. lite sails furled. nothing  
in sight watches employed in scraping Bone

Lat  $45^{\circ} 23' N.$   
Long  $153^{\circ} 39' W.$

Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from W. course E. all sail set  
watches employed in washing Bone

Lat  $44^{\circ} 12' N.$   
Long  $150^{\circ} 12' W.$

Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. From The Arctic

Sick List  
Charles Yorks  
Mikel Baird  
John Brookens

Wednesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Fresh breezes from W. N. W. and passing clouds  
course E. all sail set. watches employed in washing  
Bone. nothing in sight

Lat by obs  $43^{\circ} 12' N$   
Long by Chro  $146^{\circ} 22' W$

Thursday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences with fresh breezes from N. and cloudy  
wether course E. by Compass all sail set nothing  
in sight Middle and later part wether much the  
same hands employed in braking out water

Lat  $42^{\circ} 23' N$   
Long  $143^{\circ} 12' W$

Friday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commences fresh breezes from W. and cloudy  
wether course E. all sail set middle part wind  
cutted to N. and increased to strong gail  
took in lite sails and dubeneafed the topsails  
later part strong gail Men employed in  
washing ship

Lat  $41^{\circ} 18' N$   
Long  $138^{\circ} 20' W$



Ocean. Towards San Francisco Pontius Master 1865

Saturday Oct 21<sup>est</sup> 1865

First and middle part strong gale from N.E. and cloudy  
wether ship heading E.S.E. double reefed topsails set  
later part calm and a high sea all sail set

Lat 40° 50' N  
Long 137° 33' W.

Sunday Oct 22<sup>ent</sup> 1865

Lite wind from S.S.E. and hazy wether ship heading E.  
all sail set nothing in sight

Lat 40° 55' N  
Long 135° 16' W.

Monday Oct 23<sup>end</sup> 1865

First and middle part lite wind from S.S.E. later part  
wind increased to strong breeze course E. by N. all sail  
set. watches employed in scraping deck eyes

Tuesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

First and middle part moderate breezes from S. and  
rainy. later part strong breeze from N.W. and  
clear wether. course S.E. all sail set nothing in sight  
watches employed in rateling down the rig

Lat 40 00 N  
Long 128 35 W.

# Bank E Swift of New Bedford From

Wednesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Sick List: John Brookins  
John Baker  
Charles Fork  
Jim Kanaka  
Moderate breezes from N.W. and pleasant  
weather, course E by S all sail set  
see several sail watches employed in  
ships duty  
Lat by obs  $38^{\circ} 32'$  N  
Long  $125^{\circ} 35'$  W

Thursday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Moderate breeze from N.W. Course E by S  
At 1 A.M. raised the Farallon light on Point at  
the S.B. Shortly after raised Point Key on Port Bow / Point  
Ready getting Anchors off the Bows and  
Cables ready At 2 P.M. Civil Time took  
a Pilot, and Dropped Anchor in San Francisco  
Bay at 4 P.M. with 45 f. Chain out.

Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

At Anchor in San Francisco Harbor Men employed  
in Drying and Packing Bone. John Butcher, John Jim, David,  
Kanakas. Jim Crow Portuguese Absent without Leave.

Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

At Anchor Men employed in Drying and  
Packing Bone. Mr. Dunbar, George Herwick,  
Charles Fork, Michael Baird, Thomas Johnson, Were discharged,  
Absent without Leave. John Butcher, John Jim, David, Mullen, Smith, J. Jimm



# The Arctic Ocean Goods Store San Francisco

Sunday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1865 Lying in San Francisco Harbor At Anchor  
Wind light from SW. with prospect of Rain.

Monday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Fore part of the day rainy but  
Afternoon employed in Dyeing & Packing Bone  
Absent without Leave John Gen, John Butler, David, Mullen  
Sick John Breakers, John Baker & Woods.  
Returned to duty John Kanaka.

Tuesday ~~Oct 31<sup>st</sup>~~ 1865

Finished packing our Bone and stored it  
below, ready for shipments. This Afternoon sent ashore  
Robert Hill, S. Drummers, Thompson, Smith, Mullen, M. Murray, R. Jinnerson,  
J. Markweather, to remain untill discharged and a settlement is made  
with them. Jim, Makai, Hakauli, Manuel, Arthur, & No 4, remaining in  
the ship for another Season.

Wednesday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Today employed in cleaning ship and  
other small jobs.

Thursday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865.

We have been employed, breaking  
out some Oil which we had stored forward,  
and getting ready to go into Dock to Discharge.

Friday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865.

Employed in cleaning ship and various  
Jobs. at 4 P.M. the Tug Folick came alongside and took  
us in to Howard St. Wharf. at six we were all ready  
to break out Oil.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Lying in

Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Discharged 89 Casks of Oil and  
2 bbls of Shush. At 6 P.M. Steam Tug  
Merrimac Towed us into the Stream, let go Port  
Anchor with 90 fathoms Chain.

Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Lying in the Stream at Anchor.

Monday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Engaged in Stowing off the Lower Hold  
L.W. Williams & B.W. Mendell Discharged

Tuesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Engaged in Setting up Shacks and  
trimming Ship by the Stern to Repair the Bars

Wednesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1865 Engaged in setting up Shacks  
And trim Ship by the Stern  
Received on Board 5050 Gall. fresh Water

Thursday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Engaged in trimming Ship by the Stern  
And Setting up Shacks

Friday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1865 Engaged in Setting up Shacks  
and Repairing the Bars

Saturday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1865 Engaged in Stowing down the  
Grain tier and putting fresh Water  
Marking and Coopering Oil for Ship's use

Sunday Nov. 12 1865

Lying At Anchor in the Stream

Monday Nov. 13 1865

Employed in Stowing down the  
Remainder of grain tier - Marked and Numbered 87  
Casks of Oil to be shipped home - Wind S.E. with Rain  
later part blowing a gail -



San Francisco Harbor

Reuben Pontius Master.

Tuesday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Engaged in various Ship Work  
Shipped on Board of Ship Ataga 12.10.8 M.  
of Whole Bane for same

Wednesday Nov 15 1865

Employed in painting Ship Outside

Thursday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Engaged in painting Ship Outside  
later part Wind S.E. With Rain

Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Employed in painting Ship and  
various other Ship Work -- found that we have  
lost our Water Boat by Work parting during the  
-- last Night

Saturday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Laying At Anchor in the Stream  
Wind S.E. With Rain - later part Wind N.W. Wetter Clear

Sunday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Laying At Anchor in the Stream  
Wind S.E. With Rain

Monday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Laying At Anchor in the Stream  
Blowing hard from S.E. At 8 A.M. Ship started to  
drag, let go our Starboard Anchor and Brought her  
up, 12 M. Wind Moderated - later part heavy Rain

Tuesday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Still Blowing hard from S.E.  
Laying At Anchor in the Stream with two  
Anchors Linn Hoisted from Water Boat  
3351 Gals Water - -



# Bark C. Swift Laying in San Francisco

Wednesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Still Blowing from S.E. with  
Rain - latter part fine & better Wind N.W.

Thursday Nov 23<sup>d</sup> 1865

Weather Clear Wind N.W. Engaged  
taking on Board Ship's Stores

Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

Still laying At Anchor in the  
Stream Receiving our Crew

Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1865

Received the Balance of Ship's  
Stores and Stowed them Away All hands on Board

Sunday Nov 26 1865

Still laying At Anchor in  
the Stream All hands on Board At 5 P.M.  
Weighed our port Anchor and put it in  
the Shoal - Weather Clear with light Breeze  
from the Westward

Monday Nov 27 1865

At 9 A.M. took our Starboard  
Anchor and made Sail, with pilot on Board  
and left San Francisco Harbor, At 10 30 our  
pilot left us outside of the Bar  
At 7 P.M. Followed Light Bearing N.N.W.  
20 Miles, Course S.S.W. with light Breeze from N.  
- The Number of our Crew All told Amounts  
to thirty four - Named Amey Anchor  
and Chain

Lat 37-40 N  
Lon 122-25 W



Harbor Reuben. Pontius, Master

Tuesday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Wind N.W. Wetter Cloudy Stearing  
S. by W hands Employed in fitting up Boats  
and other Ships work Nothing in sight

Lat 35-10 N

Lon 128-34 W

Wednesday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

Wind N.N.W Course S by W  
Watchers Employed in fitting up Boats and Sail  
Mending Also other Ships Duty - Nothing in sight

Lat 33-09 N

Lon 125-00 W

Thursday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

fine Clear Wetter with a light Breeze  
from N.N.W - Course S. by W - hands Employed in  
Sail Mending and other Ships Duty Nothing in sight

Lat 31-16 N

Lon 126-10 W

Friday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Wind W.N.W. Wetter Clear, Course S.  
hands Employed in generall Ship work  
Nothing in sight

Lat 29-23 N

Lon 127-15 W

Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Stearing S. With a light Breeze from N.  
Watchers Employed Repairing Sails and other Ship Duty,  
later part strong Breeze with Rain, Nothing in sight

Lat 26-34 S

Lon 128-35 W

Sunday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Running down the N.E. Trade, Course  
S. Wind light with occasional Rain squalls, Nothing in sight

Lat 23-33

Lon 128-54



Bark C. Swift of New Bedford, from San Francisco

Monday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Starting S with strong N.E. trade  
All sail set, hands Employed At generall Ship Work  
Carpenter Repairing Deck Sheathing nothing in sight

Lat - 20-20 N.

Lon - 129-15 W.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Running S with strong N.E. trade  
hands Employed Repairing Sails, and other Ships Duty

Lat - 16-15 N.

Lon 130-24 W.

Wednesday <sup>Dec</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong N.E. trade, Course S. Weather  
Clear, hands Engaged in Repairing Sails, Sheathing  
Decks, and various other Ship Work nothing in sight

Lat 12-40 N.

Lon 131-20 W.

Thursday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Wind N.E. Weather Cloudy, Course S.  
hands Employed At various Ship Work, Carpenter  
Sheathing the Decks

Lat 08-55 N

Lon 132-50 W

Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commenced with heavy squalls from N.E. and much  
Rain, latter part Wind E. with Occasional Rain Squalls  
Course S. - hands Employed At various Ships Duty

Lat 06-03 N.

Lon 132-21 W.

Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commenced with heavy squalls  
And much Rain, Wind Any where from N.E. to E.S.E  
Course S.S.W. At 8 A.M. sailed away over Gib  
Bent another, latter part Wind S.E. with light  
Rain squalls, nothing in sight

Lat 04-11 N.

Lon 133-45 W.



to Marquesas R. Pontius Master - 1865

Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1865

Strong Breeze from S.E. Course S.W. by S.  
All sail set, Nothing in sight

Lat 04 = 48 N.  
Lon 134 = 43 W.

Monday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

first part Strong Breeze from E.S.E.  
making S. by W. Course At 3 pm fair A large ship Steaming  
West later part Steaming S, with the Wind E, hand. Employed  
At various ship duty

Lat 01 = 32 S  
Lon 135 = 23 W.

Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

first part Strong Breeze from E,  
Course S, later part Wind light - Nothing in sight,  
hand. Employed Repairing sails and other ship work

Lat 04 = 41 S.  
Lon 136 = 41 W.

Wednesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Wind E. Course S, hand. Employed  
Repairing sails making Spinnaker and various other  
ship work, - Nothing in sight

Lat 08 = 20 S.  
Lon 137 = 37 W.

Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

Steaming S.W. by S with a light breeze

\* from S.E. At 12 M sighted the Island of Hiraoa, hand.  
Employed at various ship work

Lat by Obs 09 = 48 S  
Lon by Obs 138 = 59 W

Friday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

\* At 4 PM hauled up 45 fathoms and  
bath chains, bent them and over hauled A Kainoa  
At 5 huffed too the Starboard tack with head yards  
Aback - Hiraoa Npt. Bearing N. by E At 9 AM came to  
Anchor in Resolution Bay with 38 fathoms of chain  
(later part) Letting up head rigging



# Bark. C. Script Laying in Resolution Bay

Saturday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Laying At Anchor in the Bay  
All hands Employed Repairing Sails Letting up Rigging  
Tearing Down, and various other Ship work

Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Laying At Anchor in the bay, part  
of the crew on liberty — Wind E with occasional  
Rain Squalls

Monday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

first and middle part heavy Squalls from  
the Eastward with Rain, latter part fine weather,  
hands Employed At Repairing Sails and various other  
Ship work

Tuesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commenced with clear weather Wind E,  
middle part Squally with Rain, latter part Clear, — hands  
Employed At various Ship work

Wednesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

All hands Employed taking on  
Board Wood, cutting it up and Stowing it Away  
Weather Squally with Rain

Thursday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

All hands Engaged in Mending  
Ship and various other Ship's Duty

Friday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Employed at Mending Ship, At 3 PM  
Ship started to Drag, let go the ~~Starboard~~ port Anchor  
With 70 fathoms of Chain and Brought her up, hove  
up our Starboard Anchor and put it the Shoar — At 5-30 —  
A.M. got Ship underway and Beet up the Bay, At 9 —  
Came to Anchor in 15 fathom Water, with 45 fathom  
on the port Chain and 30 on the Starboard — heavy  
Squalls from E.N.E



# Margueras Island. R. Pontius - Master 1865

Saturday Dec 13<sup>d</sup> 1865

Still laying At Anchor in the Bay  
hands Employed in getting off wood from Shore and Stowing  
it Away - Weather Squally with Rain

Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1865

laying at Anchor in the Bay - part  
of the Crew on Shore on liberty Weather Calm with Rain

Monday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Employed at cutting up wood and  
Stowing it Away, Also various other Ship Work

Tuesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commenced with heavy squalls off shore with Rain

At 9:30 P.M. Ship commenced to Drag paid out 40 fathoms  
on the Starboard & 60 on the port Chain, Brought up in 28  
fathom water - At 5:30 A.M. got Ship under weigh and  
Beat up the Bay, came to Anchor At 10:30 in 11 fathoms  
water with 25 fathom on both Chains - Weather Moderate

Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Still laying in the Bay - All hands  
Engaged in getting off wood and Stowing it Away  
Wind light Weather Moderate

Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Still laying At Anchor in the Bay  
All hands Employed in getting off water and Stowing  
it Away in the lower hold

Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

laying At Anchor in the Bay  
light Breeze off Shore, hands Engaged in general Ship  
Work Recd on Board 500 Cacoanuts

Saturday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Still laying At Anchor, hands Engaged  
in getting off wood - Also 6 bls Sweet potatoes, Weather Moderate



Bark & Shift from Marquesas Islands Bound  
Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1865

Still laying At Anchor - part of the  
crew on liberty - Weather clear with light breeze  
off shore

Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

light Winds and Variable with Rain  
All hands Employed At getting off Wood - Also  
Coconuts Oranges &c.

Tuesday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Still laying At Anchor, All hands Engaged  
in getting Off Wood, finished Madding Ship, 25 Bact loads in All

Wednesday Jan 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

At 6 AM got underway and stood  
out of the Bay, took our Anchors on the Barn and  
Secured them, unbent the Chains and Slaved them Away  
At 12 Meridian - Steering W by S - Wind E. - All Sail Set

Lat by Obs =  $9^{\circ} 57'$  S  
Lon by Chron =  $139^{\circ} 49'$  W

Thursday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part fresh Breeze from E.N.E  
Course N.E.W - hands Employed At various Ship Duty  
Middle and later part Squally with Rain

No Obs.  
Lat by DR  $10^{\circ} 30'$  S  
Lon - - -  $142^{\circ} 10'$  W

Friday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind E.N.E - Course N.E.W Watches  
Engaged At fitting Standing Rigging and various other  
Ship Work Nothing in Sight

Lat by Obs  $11^{\circ} 15'$  S  
Lon - - -  $145^{\circ} 18'$  W

Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part fresh Breeze from E.N.E  
later part Moderate Weather with Rain Course N.E.W  
- Employed At various Ship Duty

Lat by Obs  $11^{\circ} 58'$  S  
Lon - - -  $148^{\circ} 39'$  W



To the South, West R. Pontius, Master - 1866

Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Moderate Breeze and pleasant Weather  
Wind E.N.E. Course S.W. by W. Nothing in sight  
Lat - 13-10 S.  
Long - 150-11 W.

Monday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Course S.W. by W. with moderate  
breeze from the Eastward. Nothing in sight, Watches  
Engaged At various Ship Work.

Lat by Obs 14 = 10 S.  
Long = 152 = 42 W.

Tuesday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind moderate weather pleasant  
Course S.W. by W. Nothing in sight. Watches Employed  
At various Ship Duty.

Lat = 15 = 10 S.  
Long 153 = 45 W.

Wednesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Moderate Breeze from N. Course  
S. Weather extremely warm, Employed Ketting Down the  
Main Rigging and other Ship Work.

Lat - 16 = 22 S.  
Long - 153 = 42 W.

Thursday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

At 4 P.M. sighted Land, ~~Shower~~, ~~Isle~~.

bearing S.E. 20 miles Distance Middle and latter part, Course  
S.W. Wind variable with much rain - no Obs. { Lat 17 = 14 S.  
Long 155 = 40 W.

Friday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind variable from N.E. to S.E. Course  
S.W., Watches Employed Working on the Rigging, Nothing in sight.  
Lat 18 = 24 S.  
Long 156 = 35 W.

Saturday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part pleasant Breeze from E.  
Course S. - later part Wind moderate, Weather Cloudy, much  
Employed Working out Ship Stores and other Ship Duty.

Lat 20 56 S.  
Long 157 = 29 W.



Bark C. Swift of New Bedford from Marquesas

Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Calm - later and middle part Small Breeze from E. Course S.W. At 5 A.M. sighted Mangai Island one of the Hervey Group - bearing E. S. E. Dist 25 Miles -

Lat -  $22^{\circ} = 10''$  S.  
Lon -  $158 = 33$  W.

Monday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Rain Squalls Wind Variable, - later part Clear Weather Wind E. S. E. Course S.W. Watches Employed At Ships Duty

Lat -  $23 = 35$  S.  
Lon -  $160 = 57$  W.

Tuesday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Squally with Rain Middle and later part fresh Breeze from E. Weather Clear Course ~~S.W.~~ S.W. ends with No Obs.

Lat by Dh  $25 = 20$  S.  
Lon =  $162 = 59$  W.

Wednesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Small Breeze from E with occasional Rain Showers, latter part fresh Breeze from S.E. - Course S.W. At 8 A.M. Split ply - Lib - ends no Obs.

Lat by Dh  $29 = 03$  S.  
Lon =  $165 = 10$  W.

Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this 24 hours fresh Breeze from S.E. Course S.W. At 5 A.M. Bent A new ply Lib, hands Employed At various Ship work

Lat by Obs  $29 = 15$   
Lon =  $169 = 18$

Friday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from E. All this 24 hours Course S.W. by S. hands Employed Working on the Ricing Cooper Letting up Shooks, - no Obs.

Lat  $31 = 38$  S.  
Lon  $172 = 40$  W.



# Islands Bound to the S.W. R. Pontius, Master

Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh breeze from E.  
Clear weather. Course S.W. by S. later part wind N.E. with  
much rain. ends no Obs.

by D.R. Lat --  $34 = 09$  S  
Lon --  $175 = 09$  W.

Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced, Wind N.E. with Rain, Course  
S.W., latter part Clear weather with fresh breeze from N.N.E.  
Saw some grouse.

Lat by Obs  $37 = 00$  S.  
Lon = Obs  $178 = 45$  W.

Monday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

All this 24 hours fresh breeze from  
N.N.E. Course S. - Weather pleasant; Saw finback - latter part  
hands Employed at various Ship Duty

Lat =  $39 = 16$  S.  
Lon =  $178 = 45$  W.

Tuesday Jan 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Commenced with, Wind N.E. and pleasant  
Weather, At 4 P.M. Saw finback -- latter part fresh breeze  
and Cloudy weather. Course S.E. no Obs.

Lat by D.R.  $42 = 30$  S.  
Lon = =  $177 = 32$

Wednesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh breeze from  
N.E. and Rain, Course S.E. by S. - At 9 P.M. Reaped Tapsails  
hauled up the Lances and luffed to the Wind, heading E.S.E.  
latter part thick fog and calm No Obs.

Lat  $42 = 56$  S.  
Lon  $177 = 06$  W.

Thursday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part thick fog and calm weather  
Middle and latter part Small Breeze from N.W. Still  
foggy - Ship under Main Sail, - all different tacks  
Watchers Employed at various Ship Duty - no Obs.

Lat =  $44 = 00$  S.  
Lon =  $177 = 00$  W.



# Bark C. Swift of New Bedford Cruising off

Friday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with thick fog and rain. At 5 A.M. made sail and run to the N.E. with small breeze from N.W. At 7 had heavy squall from N.W. Darnie kept Tapsail and furled courses At 10 clear weather - sighted Chatham Island Bearing N.E. Dis. 20 Miles.

Saturday Jan 27 1866

first part clear weather At 5 P.M. Spoke Bark, Minerva of New Bedford Middle and latter part Blowing A Gale of Wind from S.W. At 12 M. Pitts Island Bearing N.W. - Dis. 25 Miles, heading W.N.W.

Sunday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Gale from S.W. Ship under Close Keeped Main Tapsail and fore and Main Spruces At 8 P.M. Ship heading S.E. - At 6 A.M. Pitts Isle Bearing N. Dis. 10 Miles made sail hauled up Chain and bent them At 10-30 AM. came to Anchor under the lee of the Island in 15 fathom water, with 40 fathom on the port Chain

Monday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying At Anchor At Pitts Isle. All hands Employed in getting off Potatoes and other Ship Supplies

Tuesday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

At 7 P.M. got Ship under way and stood out of the Bay - with small breeze from S.W. Spoke Ship Europa - of New Bedford At 9 Secured our Anchors and stowed Chain below - latter part, Working to the S.W. - At 12 M. Pitts Isle Bearing N.E. 20 Miles the sail in sight -

Wednesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

first part calm weather latter part Wind N. - Cruising off Chatham Island, At 12 P.M. land 20 Miles Dis. To the N. hands Employed At various Ship Duty



Chatham Island R. Pontius, Master

Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh breeze from N.  
And pleasant weather At 3 P.M. Spoke Ship Europa of  
New Bedford, At 11 A.M. Spoke Bark Minerva of N.B.  
Made sail and stood to the S.W. in company with her

Friday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

first part fresh Breeze from N. Course W.S.W.  
latter part calm and thick fog - W.A. Silversail off duty  
Sick - Day ends no observation

Lat -  $44^{\circ} = 40$  S.  
Lon -  $179 = 50$  E.

Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

All this 24 hours small breeze from E.  
and foggy weather - Course W.S.W. - hands employed At Ship's  
Duty - Day ends no Obs.

Lat  $45^{\circ} = 08$  S.  
Lon  $178 = 20$  E.

Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with wind E. and thick fog  
middle part clear weather - Course W. by S. - Day ends thick  
foggy weather no observation

Lat  $45^{\circ} = 31$  S.  
Lon  $178 = 52$  E.

Monday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.E. weather foggy  
Course W. by S. - middle part clear - latter part thick fog  
and calm, Employed Repairing Sails, Day ends no Obs.

Lat  $45^{\circ} = 10$  S.  
Lon  $173 = 20$  E.

Tuesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with calm and thick fog, middle  
and latter part clear, Wind S.W. Ship heading W.N.W.  
Saw A large School of pinkbacks

Lat. by Obs  $45^{\circ} = 17$  S.  
Lon by Obs  $173 = 14$  E.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising between

Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Small Breeze from S.W. and Clear Weather, Middle part Calm latter part Wind N.E. At 5 A.M. sighted New Zealand - Akaroa Bearing N.W. by N. 35 Miles Also two Steam Ships Steaming N.E.

Lat 44 = 07 S.  
Lon 173 = 35 E.

Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Small Breeze from N.E. Latter part fresh Breeze from S.E. Working Ship to Windward, Nothing in Sight - no Obs.

Lat 44 = 29 S.  
Lon 175 = 00 E.

Friday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this 24 hours, Wind Baffling from N.E. to S.E. Working Ship to the Eastward, All Day Calm. Weather Cloudy, Day ends no Obs.

Lat 44 = 04 S.  
Lon 176 = 20 E.

Saturday Feb 10 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from E.N.E. and Cloudy Weather - Latter S.E. latter part heavy Rain Day ends no Observation

Lat 45 = 08 S.  
Lon 178 = 20 E.

Sunday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Strong Breeze from E, Wind freshening, At 7 P.M. Blowing A gail Ship heading N.N.E. - under Close Reefed M. Topsail, latter part Wind, S, Weather Clear, Set Double Reefed Topmast and Courses

Lat by Obs 45 = 25 S.  
Lon = = 178 = 35 E.

Monday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Latter N.E. by E, Commenced with Strong Breeze from S, and Clear Weather, At 11 P.M. Carried Away the Barn Boat - Also Boath Davich - Bearers Coins and 20 ft. of the Main Rail, Shortened Sail and heaved to the Wind, At 6 A.M. found the Boat and one David, latter part Calm and Clear Weather,

Lat 44 = 53 S.  
Lon 179 = 55 E.



Chatham Island, and Newzeland, R. Pontius, Master, 1866

Tuesday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part calm with A heavy swell from  
the South latter part Wind N. Course E.N.E. hands  
Engaged Repairing Sails, Carpenter Repairing Bass Boat  
Lat. 44 = 45 S.  
Long 177 = 59 W.

Wednesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N. Course E.N.E. - At 6 A.M. Made  
pith Island Bearing N.E. 30 Miles Dis. Wind hauled S.W. At 8  
hauled up Chain bent them, and got Anchors off the Bass and  
ran for port hut, Chatham Island

Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

At 2 P.M. Came to Anchor in Port Hut  
Chatham Island, in 8 fathoms of water, with 30 fathom Chain on  
the Starboard Anchor, Wind S.W. Middle part Wind N.E. with  
much Rain At 7 A.M. Wind hauled into the S.W.  
At 10 let go the port Anchor - Blowing A gail from S.W.

Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

At 1 A.M. Ship commenced to Drag  
with 45 fathom on the Starboard and 20 on the port  
Chain let go Another Anchor on the Starboard Beam  
with 10 fathom Chain, ran out A ledge Ahead with  
40 fathom cable - Blowing A heavy gail - Water 4 fathoms  
under the Stern - At 4 A.M. Moderated Cleared our Anchors and  
hauled Ship off Shore into 7 fathom Water

Saturday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying At Anchor in Port hut All hands  
Employed in trimming Ship by the Stern - Wind W. Weather  
pleasant

Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor in Port hut Wind W.  
With pleasant Weather

Monday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind Variable, Weather pleasant  
All hands Employed in getting off fresh Water, Also Hogs, potatoes and  
onions, John, Porter, Cook, Plummer, M<sup>r</sup> Mc Donnell & Lewis, Diversed  
the Ship At 9 P.M. - At 11 A.M. found them, 10 Miles from the Ship  
Brought them on Board and put them in Bass



# Bark E Swift of New Bedford Lying At Anchor

Tuesday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor, hands employed in  
staving down water At 10 A.M. strong breeze from W.  
Wind freshening let go our Port Anchor with 30 fathoms  
Chain 45 on the Starboard

Wednesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Blowing a heavy gale from the S.W.  
At 5-30 P.M. let go the third Anchor off the Port Beam  
with 15 fathoms Chain, - give her 60 fathoms on the Starboard, and  
45 on the port Chain - latter part moderate preparing to  
make ship - -

Thursday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Still lying At Anchor in port shut, hands  
employed making ship, and getting on board potatoes

Friday Feb 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Still lying At Anchor, Employed in getting  
on board fresh water and potatoes, Wind N. Weather pleasant

Saturday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor in Port shut Employed  
getting fresh water on board and staving off the main hatch  
and between Decks

Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor, At 10 A.M. took in  
our third Anchor, and hove short. Wind variable, - took the  
four Runaways out of Lard and put them on Duty

Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with small breeze from N.W.  
At 4 P.M. got under way and stood out to Sea, Landed  
Anchor, and stowed Chain below, latter part Wind N.W.  
with fog - Course N.E. sailing in light



in Port. Hut, Chatham Island, R. Pontius Master 1866

Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.W. with fog - latter  
part Wind S.W. Clear Weather Course N.E. by E. hands Employed  
Repairing Sails - Carpenter Making Crain an Hoarsen for B. Boat

Wednesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this Twenty four hours fresh breeze from  
S.W. - Course E.N.E., hands Employed Repairing Sails - Saw pinkish -  
Lat 42-25 S.  
Lon 168-57 W.

Thursday Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

first part Wind S.W. and pleasant Weather  
Course E.N.E., latter part Wind N., hands and Sail Steering  
S.E. - hands Employed Sail Mending

Lat 41 = 52 S  
Lon 166 = 35 W

Friday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

All this Twenty four hours fresh Breeze from  
N., Course E.N.E. = Watting in sight, hands Employed  
in various Ships Duty

Lat 41 = 12 S.  
Lon 163 = 00 W.

Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from N.N.E. and Cloudy  
Weather. Course E. by N. latter part Breeze freshened, with Rain  
freshed topgallin Sails, and Reeped fore topsail. Day ends  
no Observation

Lat 40 = 45 S  
Lon 159 = 46 W

Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N. by E with Rain -  
latter part Wind N. Weather Clear - Course E.N.E.

Lat by Obs 39 = 58 S  
Lon - 157 = 14 W.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford, from Chatham Island

Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind. N. Middle and latter part Wind Variable, Weather Cloudy, Ship on Different tack, Making to the Northward, no Obs

by Account Lat  $39^{\circ} = 19^{\circ}$  S  
Lon  $156 = 45^{\circ}$  W

Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours, Small Breezes from All Around the Campar, and Clear Weather Saw School of porpoises, hands Employed At Marian Ship Duty

Lat  $39 = 04^{\circ}$  S.  
Lon  $156 = 58^{\circ}$  W.

Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind S.E.W. & pleasant Weather latter part Wind E.S.E. - Course N by W. Watchers Employed Making Base Spruycan and other Ship Duty

Lat  $36 = 34^{\circ}$  S.  
Lon  $157 = 20^{\circ}$  W.

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.E. Weather Clear, Middle and latter part, Small Breezes from All Around the Campar, Ship on Different tack Making to the N.

Lat  $34 = 30^{\circ}$  S.  
Lon  $156 = 57^{\circ}$  W.

Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.W. and pleasant Weather Middle and latter part Wind W. Course N by W. hands Engaged At Marian Ship Work

Lat  $32 = 05^{\circ}$  S.  
Lon  $156 = 37^{\circ}$  W.

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from W. and pleasant Weather Course N by W. latter part Calm, with Cloudy Weather, no Observation

Lat  $30 = 15^{\circ}$  S.  
Lon  $156 = 54^{\circ}$  W.



Bound. N.E. R Pontius Master 1866

Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with calm cloudy weather  
Middle and latter part Wind S.E. Course N.N.W.  
no Observation

Lat 28 = 23 S  
Lon 158 = 20 W

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this Twenty four hours light Breeze from  
S.E. and pleasant weather, Course N. by W. Watcher Employed  
At Meram Ships Duty

Lat 25 = 32 S  
Lon 157 = 30 W

Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind S.E. and pleasant  
weather, Course N. by W. latter part Wind the same  
with much rain, no Obs.

Lat = 23 = 15 S  
Lon = 157 = 50 W

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. and rain  
Course N.W. by N. At 2 A.M. Wind N.W. heavy Rain, hoisted  
Topsails & Double Reefed topsails - latter part Wind S.E. pleasant  
Weather nothing in sight

Lat. by the 22 = 02 S  
Lon = 159 = 04 W

Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. & pleasant  
Weather Course N.W. by N. At 5 A.M. sighted the Isle  
of Koratonga Bearing N.W. by N. 20 miles. At 9 Boat  
went on Shore with Capt -

Lat 24 = 17 S  
Lon 159 = 56 W

Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship leaving off and on Koratonga  
Isle, getting on Board Food and Recruits of different  
kinds All hands Employed -



Bark. E. Shift of New Bedford, from the Island

Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

All hands employed getting off masts  
and keelers. At 6 P.M. finished hauled up  
the Bats and Head N.N.W. - Wind W.  
latter part Rain. Course N.N.W. - Lat 13 = 18 S.  
Ship and foremost hand - - - W.

Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind S.W. Squally with  
Rain Course N.N.W. - - - Lat 16 = 12 S.  
Lat 159 = 14 W.

Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.W. Course  
N.N.W. latter part Wind light and variable with Rain  
Lat 13 = 45 S.  
Lat 159 = 38 W.

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours Wind backing  
and Squally with much Rain Ship under Double Reef  
topsail - Course N.E. by E. hands employed at various  
Ship Duty

Lat 13 = 16 S  
Lat 159 = 00 W

Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours Wind  
from W. Ship heading N.N.E. heavy Squalls with much  
Rain At 6 A.M. Laid Away fore sail and fore T. staysail  
furlled fore topsail. Day ends Squally with Rain.

Lat 12 = 20 S  
Lat 158 = 49 W

Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

At 2 P.M. sent A. Reed fore T. mast  
stay sail, Middle and latter part heavy Rain with  
Squalls from all around the compass

Lat 11 = 46 S  
Lat 158 = 25 W



of Karotonga, Bound to the N.W. R. Porters Master 1866

Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind blowing from N. to N.E. and heavy Rain Ship working to the N.E. latter part Clear weather hands Employed Repairing - for sail

Lat - 14 = 49 S.  
Lon 158 = 01 W.

Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours Wind blowing All around the compass, with heavy Rain and Squalls Ship working to the N.W.

Lat - 14 = 15 S.  
Lon 158 = 20 W.

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

First part Wind N.W. with Rain. Middle And latter part Clear weather - Ship working to the N.N.W. on different tacks

Lat 10 = 56 S.  
Lon 158 = 44 W.

Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours light blowing Wind from N. to W., Ship working to the N.N.W. on different tacks hands Employed Repairing Sails and other Ship work

Lat 10 = 19 S.  
Lon 159 = 00 W.

Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

light Winds and variable weather with occasional Rain Squalls, working Ship to the N.N.W. hands Employed painting Boats, At 12 M. Carried Away our Gibbsome in a Squall

Lat 09 = 18 S.  
Lon 159 = 43 W.

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

light Breeze from E., All this twenty-four hours, Course N.N.W. Employed Making a new Gibbsome and painting Boats

Lat 8 = 19 S.  
Lon 160 = 26 W.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford from the Lake of

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Small Breeze from E and pleasant  
Weather Course N.N.W. hands Employed Repairing Sails  
Carpenter Employed, Making A Gull Boony

Lat 06 = 25 S.  
Lon 161 = 16 W.

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours light Breeze  
from E.N.E. and pleasant Weather Course N.N.W. hands  
Employed Rigging out Gull Boony and other Ship Duty

Lat 04 = 44 S.  
Lon 162 = 12 W.

Salon Kevale permost hand off Duty Sick

Saturday March 31

Wind E.N.E. All this twenty four hours  
and pleasant Weather Course N.N.W. hands Employed  
Planning Iron Work and painting

Lat 02 = 40 S.  
Lon 163 = 18 W.

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours light Breeze  
from E.N.E. & pleasant Weather Course N.N.W.  
Nothing in Sight

Lat 00 30 S  
Lon 164 = 29 W

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Wind E with pleasant Weather  
Course N.N.W. hands Employed At setting up Rigging  
and various other Ship Duty

Lat 01 = 30 N.  
Lon 165 = 29 W.

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Course with Wind E and pleasant  
Weather, latter part Blowing hard with much Rain  
At 10 A.M. Double Reefed Topsails and hauled fore and  
Main Course - Course N.W. by N.

Lat 03 = 34 N  
Lon 166 = 49 W



Rarotonga. Bound N.W. R. Postin's Master 1866

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours fresh Breeze from E. and Equally with Rain, Course N.N.W.?  
Employed At various Ship Work

Lat 05 = 49 N?  
Lon 167 = 40 W

Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from E. and Rain, latter part pleasant Weather, Ship under Double Reef topsail and courses, Course N.W. by N

Lat 08 = 10 N.  
Lon 168 = 56 W?

Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours fresh Breeze from E.N.E. and pleasant Weather Course N.W. by N. - Ship under Double Reef topsail and foresail - hands Employed At various Ship Work

Lat 10 = 44 S.  
Lon 170 = 19 W.

Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from N.E. and clear Weather, heavy swell from N.E. Ship under Double Reefs Course N.W. by N, Employed Braking out firings

Lat 13 = 02 N.  
Lon 172 = 00 W?

Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours fresh Breeze from N.E. with Occasional Rain Equally, Ship under Easy Sail, Course N.W. by N

Lat 15 = 18  
Lon 173 = 11

Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind N.E. with pleasant Weather Course N.W. by N. Watcher Engaged in rattling down topmost Rigging and other Ship's Duty

Lat 16 = 40 N?  
Lon 174 = 05 W?



Bark. C. Swift of New Bedford. from Karotonga

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twentyfour hours Wind N.E.  
and pleasant Weather, Course N.W. by N. and Employed in  
Masting, Darn Rigging and other Ship's Duty

Lat 18 = 36 N.  
Lon 175 = 20 W.

Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from N.E. and pleasant  
Weather Course N.W. by N., Employed Masting Ship and  
getting Ready to paint Ship inside

Lat 20 = 27 N.  
Lon 176 = 25 W.

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind N.E. Weather pleasant, Ship  
under Double reef topsail, Course N.W. by N.  
Employed painting Ship inside, Saw Blackbird

Lat 21 = 32 N.  
Lon 176 = 40 W.

Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

these twentyfour hours Wind N.E.  
with pleasant Weather, Ship laying by under Small Sail.  
Employed painting Ship inside

Lat 21 = 41 N.  
Lon 176 = 46 W.

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind E. and pleasant Weather,  
first part laying by under Short Sail, painting Ship  
At 8 A.M. Set fore topsail - Course N.N.W.  
(Larkin, Katoore, on Duty)

Lat 22 = 14 N.  
Lon 177 = 00 W.

Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind E. and pleasant  
Weather latter part Small Breeze from S.E.  
Course N.N.W.

Lat 23 24 N.  
Lon 177 25 W.

Sick list  
Antonio Lopez  
off Duty with  
darn unknown  
Disease which  
he had when  
he came on Board  
the Ship

Bound to the North West. R. Porters, Master. 1866

Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part calm pleasant weather  
latter part Wind N.E. Course N.N.W. Handed, Employed  
At various Ship work

Lat 24 = 25 N.  
Lon 177 = 40 W.

Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Lawson, With Wind N.E. and pleasant  
Weather, latter part Wind S.E. Course N.N.W.  
Matches Employed At various Ship Duty

Lat 26 = 42 N.  
Lon 178 = 35

Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours Small Breeze from  
the S.E. and pleasant weather. Course N.N.W. Employed  
in setting up head Rigging

Lat 28 = 10 N.  
Lon 178 = 41 W.

Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

At 4 P.M. sighted, Stokers or Ocean Island,  
Bearing N.N.E. Distance 15 Miles, hauled up N.E. At 7 Island  
Bearing W. 12 Miles latter part Wind S. Course N.N.W.  
Nothing in sight

Lat 29 = 19 N.  
Lon 178 = 20 W.

Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours light Baffling  
Breeze from All Around, Ships working to the N.W.  
Hands Employed At various Ship Duty

Lat 29 = 58 N  
Lon 178 = 29 W.

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.E. Weather cloudy, At  
4 P.M. Double Reefed topsails, latter part Wind E and Clear  
Weather Course N.W. Nothing in sight

Lat 31 = 58 N  
Lon 179 = 35 E



Bark. C. Swift of New Bedford from Kurotoyige

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Commenced with peak breeze from E. Course N.W. by N. - latter part blowing a gail, At 12 P.M. Wind hauled S.W. - luffed too under close Reefed Main & mastsail on the port tack, no Ob.

Lat. 34 = 38 N  
Lon. 177 = 20 E

Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours blowing peak gail from W. Ship under close Reefed M. & mastsail and storm sail, Course N. by W. no Ob. Lat 35 50 N  
Lon 177 = 08 E

Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part blowing strong from W. Middle part Moderate, latter part light breeze from S.W. Course N.W. by N. - See A large number of pink birds

Lat 36 = 38 N  
Lon 177 = 00 E

Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.W. Middle part peak Breeze from S.E. with rain, latter part Wind W. Ship under Double Reefs. No Ob., Course N.W. by N.

Lat 38 = 25 N  
Lon 176 = 10 E.

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind W. and rain At 4 P.M. Wind hauled N.E. Middle part Wind S.E. Course N.W. by N. At 5 A.M. Wind S.W. At 11.30 blowing a gail from W. Ship under close Reefed M. & mastsail

Lat 41 = 35 N  
Lon 174 = 25 E.

Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.W. blowing a gail Middle part Moderate, latter part Wind W. Ship heading N.N.W. under Double Reefs and Course,

Lat 42 = 25 N  
Lon 175 = 10 E.

Bound to the North West R. Pontius. Master 1866

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Lawrence with a light breeze from W.  
Middle part Wind S.W. latter part Wind S.E. Breeze  
freshening, Course N.W. by N. hand Employed Repairing  
Mast and sail

Lat 44 = 25 N.

Lon 173 = 15 E.

Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind S.E. with rain  
Course N.W. by N. Middle part Moderate, Day end with  
light breeze from N. - pleasant weather

Lat 46 = 04 N.

Lon 171 = 50 E.

Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Wind and variable.  
latter part calm foggy weather with heavy swell from  
the Westward - no Obs.

Lat 46 = 25 N.

Lon 172 = 00 E.

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Lawrence with calm and thick fog.  
latter part Small breeze from E. Still foggy, Course  
N.W. by N. hand Employed. At various ships Duty.  
Day end no Observation.

Lat 47 = 10 N.

Lon 171 = 48 E.

Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours Wind S.E.  
with thick fog Course N.W. by N. All sail set.  
Day end no Observation

Lat 48 = 50 N.

Lon 169 = 05 E.

Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from S.E. All these twenty four  
hours, with thick fog, see a number of pinbacks.  
Alls Bids - Day end no Obs.

Lat 51 = 29 N.

Lon 166 = 20 E.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford from Karatanga

Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. Course N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W.  
At 9 p.m. heeled to on the Starboard tack under  
Double Reefed. At 4 A.M. Made Sail and Run N.  
Weather still foggy - no Obs. Lat 5°3' = 48" N.  
Lon 166 = 12 E.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind S.E. with fog, At 3 P.M.  
saw land - Laysan Island. South pt. Bearing E. Dis. 5 Miles  
Course N. run along the land heading N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W. At 8 hauled  
up N.N.E. At 7 A.M. Course N.W. Day end pleasant Weather  
by Obs. Lat 5°6' = 26" N.  
Lon 167 = 20 E.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with E.S.E. Wind, and pleasant  
Weather, Course N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W. ~~N.N.~~ latter part Wind N.E.  
with fog, Day end no Obs. Lat 5°8' = 26" N.  
Lon 164 = 30 E.

Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind N.E. and fog, At 8  
P.M. Clear Weather, land in sight, Bearing from N. to S.W.  
Ship heading N.N.W. Middle part calm, At 11 A.M. -  
Cape, Tourinsky Bearing W. Dis. 15 Miles, Day end light  
Breeze from N.W. Weather Cloudy, Ship heading N.N.E. saw a  
large number humpbacks - no Obs. Lat 5°8' = 58" N.  
Lon 165 = 09 E.

Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.W. Ship  
heading N.N.E. Along the land, saw plenty humpbacks  
latter part Calm Clear Weather, At 12 P.M. land Bearing  
from N. to W. Dis. 10 Miles. Lat 5°9' = 54" N.  
Lon 166 = 00 E.

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

All this twenty four hours light variable  
Breezes from N.W. to S.W. and Clear Weather, Working  
Along the land to the N.E. At 12 P.M. Cape. Hauling  
Bearing E. Dis. 40 Miles. Lat 60 = 00 N.  
Lon 168 = 18 E.



Bound to the North West R. P. Butts. Master 1866

Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with calm clear weather  
Middle part light breeze from N.E. latter part  
Wind E. with snow, working ship to windward  
Along the land - two sail in sight Lat 60° 00' N.  
Lon 169 = 00 E.

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with light breeze from the Eastward.  
Working ship to windward Along the land. latter part  
Wind W. At 12 M. land bearing from E. to N. Distance  
7 miles - five sail in sight, by Obs { Lat 60° 30' = 55° N.  
Lon 170 = 30 E.

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind W. ship heading E. by S.  
Along the land. At 1 P.M. see scattering ice. latter part  
blowing a gale from N.E. with snow, ship under double  
reef topsails, one sail in sight, no Obs Lat 59° = 28° N.  
Lon 171 = 00 E.

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours Wind N.E. with  
snow, working ship to windward on different tack.  
nothing in sight - no Obs Lat 60° = 10° N.  
Lon 172 = 20 E.

Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.E. ship heading E. S. E. by  
S. latter part Wind N.N.W.? course N.E. All sail set  
two sail in sight by Obs { Lat 59° = 53° N.  
Lon 175 = 16 E.

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with light breeze from S.E. course N.  
latter part calm with snow, one sail in sight  
Day end no observation.

Lat 60° = 00° N.  
Lon 175 = 00 E.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. in the Kamtschatka

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced With light Breeze from N.E. and Squam. At 4 P.M. saw land bearing from N. to W.  $25^{\circ}$  mile. Ship heading N.W. At 7 P.M. Wind blowing strong from N.W. Shortened sail and put about on the other tack. Day ends with a heavy gale. Ship under Close Reef W. Tapsail (no Obs) Lat  $61^{\circ} = 33^{\circ}$  N. Lon  $177^{\circ} = 06^{\circ}$  E.

Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours, blowing a strong gale from N.N.W. With snow squalls and a heavy sea. Ship heading Eastward, no Obs. Lat  $61^{\circ} = 14^{\circ}$  N. Lon  $178^{\circ} = 00^{\circ}$  E.

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced With a strong gale from N. At 7 P.M. moderated, put about on the other tack heading W.N.W. and made sail, At 12 M. land bearing from N. to W.  $20^{\circ}$  mile few sail in sight. Also scattering ice. by Obs. Lat  $61^{\circ} = 40^{\circ}$  N. Lon  $176^{\circ} = 10^{\circ}$  E.

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced With light Breeze from N.E. and pleasant weather, working ship to windward along the land, latter part fresh Breeze. few sail in sight. Also scattering ice. by Obs. Lat  $62^{\circ} = 04^{\circ}$  N. Lon  $177^{\circ} = 00^{\circ}$  E.

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours Wind N.E. blowing fresh, Ship working to windward between the land and the ice, - under Double Reef Tapsail, hauled up the port Chain and sent it - no Obs. Lat  $62^{\circ} = 18^{\circ}$  Lon  $178^{\circ} = 10^{\circ}$

Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.E. working ship to windward At 8 P.M. made ship head over, middle part laying by under Short sail, latter part light variable Wind working ship to the Eastward, 4 sail in sight, Lat  $62^{\circ} = 20^{\circ}$  N. Lon  $178^{\circ} = 45^{\circ}$  E.



Sea. Borneo to the Arctic. Comm. A. Pontius Master

Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours - light variable wind  
Ship laying in between the land and Ice, - At 7 P.M.  
Spoke, Bark, Norman, At 9 A.M. Spoke Bark -  
John Wells of New Bedford

Lat 62° = 16" N  
Lon 178° = 46 E

Wednesday May 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

first part light wind and variable  
At 7 P.M. Spoke Ballard and lured for him  
latter part Working Ship to the N.E. true sail  
in sight

Lat 62° = 20" N  
Lon 178° = 45 E

Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Lawrence, with light breeze from N.E., Working  
Ship to the E. Along the land, found the Ice made an  
shore so that it was impossible to get any farther to  
the E. latter part Running to the S.W. Along the Ice  
true sail in sight

Lat 62° = 20" N  
Lon 178° = 20 E

Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Stearing S.W. with light breeze  
from N.E. - At 8 A.M. found that the Ice made an  
shore, latter part Working Ship to the Eastward  
true sail in sight

Lat 62° = 20" N  
Lon 177° = 20 E

Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours Working Ship to  
the Eastward, Wind from N. to E. latter part Squally.  
At 11 A.M. Cape Navarin bearing N.E. Six miles.

Lat 62° = 20" N  
Lon 178° = 48 E

Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours light breezes  
from N. Ship laying by under short sail between  
the land and Ice, waiting for the Ice to open  
so that we may work to the Eastward

Lat 62° = 20" N  
Lon 177° = 50 E



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford. in the Kasitskatka

Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours light Breeze from N. to E. Ship laying by under Sprit sail between the land and Ice the sail in sight, Employed Repairing Gib. Lat  $62^{\circ} - 10' N.$   
Lon  $177^{\circ} = 33 E.$

Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part calm Ship laying by between the land and Ice. latter part Wind N.E. worked Ship up close to Cape Navarin found the Ice too heavy to proceed farther Lat  $62^{\circ} - 20' N.$   
Lon  $178^{\circ} = 40 E.$

Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying by between the land and Ice. Wind N.E. At 3 A.M. Run to the S.E. in a lead of Open Water At 6. the Ice closed together and shut the Ship in, - took in All Sail, - At 12 M. Cape Navarin Bearing E.N.E. Dist 15 Mile

Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours Ship Blacked in the Ice. With All Sails furled, Wind N.E. 9 Sail in sight, At 12 M. Cape Navarin - Bearing N.E. Dist 25 Mile

Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Still in the Ice, At 4 P.M. Wind N.N.W. Set All sail and tried to work Ship to the S.E. into Clear Water but found the Ice too heavy, and at 9 Shortened Sail and let her lay. 3 Sail in sight

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours light Breeze from N. and pleasant Weather. Hands Employed hauling ship through the Ice to the S.E. three sail in sight Cape Navarin. Bearing N.E. by N. Dist 30 Miles



Sea Borne to the Arctic Ocean R. Pontus. Master - 1866

Sunday June 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

Still in the Ice. Wind light and variable  
With pleasant weather, Matches engaged in hauling  
the ship through the Ice to the S.E. one Sail  
in sight

Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours, calm clear weather  
Matches employed hauling ship through the Ice  
to the S.E. At 11 A.M. let go A Small Kedge  
from the Harbord Barn with 60 fathom chain  
Cape Thadion Bearing N. Dis 45 Mile - -

Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours, calm with fog.  
At 9 P.M. hove up anchor and let the ship Drift  
to the S.E. At 10 A.M. let go anchor again & sail in  
sight

Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer, with light variable wind, ship at  
anchor in the Ice. At 6 P.M. hove in chain and found  
no Kedge anchor - supposed that the Ring parted  
latter part Wind N with thick fog

Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer with thick fog and calm weather  
At 8 P.M. clear weather. Ice clear water about  
6 mile S.E. of us, At 9 A.M. got out of the Ice  
At 8 See Whales At 9 landed, At 10 Struck A Whale  
X and lost him - Cape Thadion. Bearing N.N.W. 25 Miles

Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twentyfour hours Wind N.E. and  
pleasant weather. Working ship to windward along  
the Ice. At 12 M. Cape Thadion Bearing N.W. Dis 25 Mi  
five Sail in sight.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford. in the Kamtskatka

Saturday June 3<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with Breeze from N.E. and pleasant weather. At 4 P.M. Spoke Ship Adeline latter part Wind S.W. Ship heading to the N.E. Along the Ice 28 Sail in Sight - At 12. M. Cape Thadim Bearing W. 35. Mile

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from S.W. heading N.E. through Scabring Ice, At 2 A.M. Ice Whales and Smeared. At 8 Spoke Bark. Camilla At 9. Ice closed together Sailed 30 Sail in Sight - -

Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours, laying in the Ice with All Sail furled, 30 Sail in Sight Spoke Mantello, Chrya Adam, Northern light, Menerva, Natella and Lahn West.

Lat 63 = 30 N

Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying in the Ice, heard a number of Whales Spouting, At 8 A.M. Ice opened. Set All Sail and Steered to the Northward with Wind S.E. Ice several Ship Whaling 25 Sail in Sight

Lat 64 = 05 N.

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with light Breeze from S.E. Making Ship through the Ice to the Northward. At 7 P.M. Spoke Bark. Lahn, P. West. At 12 P.M. got into Clear Water 22 Sail in Sight

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind S. Ship heading N. in Clear Water. Middle part thick fog, latter part Clear weather. Ship heading to the Eastward through Scabring Ice. 10 Sail in Sight



Sea Bound to the Arctic Ocean R. Porters. Master. 1866

Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from W. Ship heading to the Eastward through scattering Ice, Middle part fog latter part calm clear weather 9 Sail in sight  
x Cape Behring In sight Bearing N.E. Dis. 30 Mile.

Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours light Breeze from S.W. Ship heading to the Eastward in clear weather At 7 P.M. Spoke Ship Congress. At 12 P.M. Cape Behring W. N.W. Dis. 40 Mile 5 Sail in sight

Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from the Eastward Ship heading to the Westward along the land. Middle part foggy with Rain. At 12 P.M. Cape Behring bearing N. Dis. 7 Mile. 6 Sail in sight

Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with strong Breeze from N.E. Ship heading N.W. along the land. At 9 P.M. Spoke Bark Florida. At 2 A.M. Saw Whales lowered and L.B. Struck and killed one At 5 lowered again L.B. Struck and killed another Whale. latter part employed cutting Cape Behring Bearing E. by S Dis. 40 Mile

Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part All hands employed cutting finished At 2 P.M. At 4 Saw Whales and lowered At 7 W.B. Struck and killed one, took him to the ship and finished cutting At 1 A.M. latter part Boat - Whaling

Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

David Wiley  
Disrated for  
not performing  
his duty as  
Boatsteerer

first part Calm, Boat down after Whales W.B. had a Whale. Missed. Disrated the Boatsteerer, he being not capable of his duty, At 10 P.M. Boat came on Board. plenty Whales but very shy, At 10 A.M. Commenced to Boil.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising for

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Light Variable Wind and pleasant weather  
hands Employed Bailing and three Boats  
Whaling, See General Whales but got nothing

Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Rated Peter.  
Mires. Boatsteerer  
in the place of  
David Whaley

Commenced with fine clear weather, three  
Boats Whaling. At 6 P.M. B.B. Struck and  
got a Whale Brought him alongside and  
finished cutting At 1 P.M. latter part Wind  
S.W. with fog. Employed Bailing

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from S.W. with  
fog. Employed Bailing. At 1 P.M. Cleared up  
Spoke, Bark Florida. At 6 A.M. See Whales and  
lowered Whales going fast to the N.W. 15 Sail in sight

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. and Cloudy  
weather. Employed Bailing. Saw Whales and lowered  
but got nothing. At 8 A.M. Commenced Staining  
Dunn Oil. At 12 P.M. finished Bailing. 14 Sail in  
sight. Cape Behring. Bearing E. by S. 35 Miles

Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from S.W.  
and pleasant weather All hands Employed Staining  
Dunn Oil. At 4 P.M. finished. latter part strong Breeze  
from S.W. Ship Cruising up and down the land to  
the westward of Cape Behring. 15 Sail in sight

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours. Wind from S.E.  
Ice closing in on the land. At 12 P.M. Cape Behring  
bearing S.E. in 20 Miles. 15 Sail in sight

Wales in the Sea of Anica. R. Pontius. Master. 1866

Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

All then twenty four hours, Working Ship to the S.E. through Scattering Ice, Wind S.E. Blowing strong. At 10 A.M. Spike Ship Winslow (French) lost her Rudder - Cape Behring, bearing S.E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. 20 miles.

Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Lawrence with Wind S.E. and fog. Ship in Scattering Ice. At 9 P.M. came to Anchor in 6 fathoms Water in Company with Bark Floride and Canton Packet sent All Boats and Towed Ship Winslow into Harbor - latter part Employed Repairing Sails -

Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Laying At Anchor in a good Harbor. Situated N.W. from Cape Behring 200 Miles. At 11 P.M. Bark Daniel Wood. Arrived. With a hole in her Beam Leaking Badly.

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still Laying At Anchor. Wind light and Variable and pleasant Weather. 19 Sails in sight outside and 6 in Harbor.

Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Ship Laying At Anchor. Wind light and Variable. Weather pleasant. Scattering Ice in the Bay.

Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Still Laying At Anchor. First part Wind light and Variable latter part strong Breeze from S.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford Laying. At Anchor

Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor. first part Wind S.  
Blowing fresh. latter part Wind light  
Weather Cloudy; -

Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying At Anchor. Wind S.E.  
With fog. Bay full of scattering ice

Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor Wind S.E. with  
fog no possibility of getting out

Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still laying At Anchor. Wind S.E. with  
fog and Rain

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship Still laying At Anchor. first part  
Wind S.E. with fog. latter part Wind N. Bay  
full of scattering ice.

Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor. light breeze from S.E. and  
Clear Weather. See a Whale. Lowered but got Nothing

Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship Still At Anchor in the Bay. Wind and  
Ice Bawnd. All hand Employed getting off <sup>back</sup> Matter  
from Shore

Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor. first part Wind light  
from S.E. getting off Matter from Shore At  
9 P.M. finished Staining Durn 90 fms.  
latter part Wind variable with Clear Weather



in Kudda Bay. Sea of Anadu K. Jontins Master 1866

Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship still laying At Anchor Wind and Sea  
Bored Weather pleasant.

Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship At Anchor. Wind light and variable  
At 3 A.M. sent 2 Boats off on A Cruise up the  
Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Still At Anchor light Breeze from N.E. and pleasant  
Weather the boats off on A Cruise for Whales.

Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship still laying At Anchor. Wind S. N. Blowing  
fresh. At 9 A.M. began to Drag let go Port Anchor  
with 35 fathoms Chain, the Boats of an A Cruise

Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ship At Anchor. At 6 P.M. Wind Moderated  
At 9 A.M. got Ship under weigh. With light Breeze  
from N.E. and Stead off Shore. At 11:30 Boats  
Returned. Without any Success.

Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Came in with strong Breeze from S.E.  
At 2 P.M. set in foggy At 4 came to Anchor in the  
Bay Again. latter part Blowing strong with Rain

Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Blowing strong from S.E. with Rain. Ice  
coming in the Bay, At 6 P.M. got Ship under weigh  
and worked up the Bay clear of the Ice. At 9 came to  
Anchor Again in 5 fathoms Water. latter part calm.  
Bay full of Ice.



Bark .C. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising for Whales

Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with calm weather, Bay part of the latter part blowing a gale of wind from the North. Ship riding with 35 fathom chain on the Port Anchor.

Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Commenced with a gale of wind from N. Ship lying at anchor. At 2 A.M. got under weigh in a calm and tamed out of the Bay. At 12 M Cape Behring bearing S.E. 35 miles. Light Breeze from N.W. -

Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part wind light and variable. Middle part strong breeze from S. Ship heading to the Eastward Along the land. At 4 A.M. Cape Behring bearing N. Dist 10 miles.

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Wind southerly with fog. Marking ship to the Eastward Along the land. 3 Sail in sight  
Lat ~~68~~ = 48

Sunday July 22 1866

All there twenty four hours. Wind S.E. with fog. Ship heading to the S.E. Along the land Landings from 28 to 22 fathom.

Monday July 23 1866

Ship heading to the S.E. Along the land in a thick fog. At 12 M. Cape East. Bearing N. by N. Distance 40 miles



in the Arctic Ocean. R. Porteus. Master 1866

Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light and variable wind, and fog  
At 2 A.M. Breeze from S.E. At 9 Cape East Bearing N. 1/2 mile  
latter part: Course N by W. Weather foggy

Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from S.E. Weather  
foggy Course N by W. At 5 A.M. Spoke Ship Carvelin. Hamlet  
Altered our Course N by E. Weather still foggy.

Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from S.E. and fog  
Course N by E. At 7 P.M. Double Reefed topsails and turned  
the heading S.S.W. Middle and latter part laying by the  
wind on 4 hour tack. At 10 P.M. Clear weather and sail in  
sight  
Lat 69° = 32' N.  
Lon 181° = 44' W.

Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

First part Clear weather light Breeze from N.W.  
Middle part Wind light and variable ship heading  
to the Westward. 1/2 Sail in sight. latter part thick fog  
Spoke Bark, Lucia.  
Lat 70° = 20' N.  
Lon 183° = 00' W.

Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind N and thick fog  
laying by on different tack. At 7 P.M. stood to  
the Westward under Mast sail. latter part still heading  
to the Westward. Wind S. Weather Clear 1/2 Sail in sight  
Lat 70° = 27' N.  
Lon 184° = 30' W.

Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

All then twenty four hours. Ship laying by on  
different tack. Wind S.E. and thick fog. At 12 M. fog let  
up 1/2 Sail in sight  
Lat 70° = 57' N.  
Lon 184° = 26' W.



Bark. C. Swift of New Bedford Cruising for Whales

Monday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. Weather Clear At 3 P.M. thick fog At 10 Clear Weather. Ice in sight. Bearing from from S.W. to N.E. to the N.W. of us. 20 Sail in sight. At 3 A.M. saw Whale and lowered. - latter part laying off and on the Ice

Lat 41 = 03 N.  
Lon 173 = 40 W.

Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. and Clear Weather. Ship working to the N.E. Along the Ice. At 3 P.M. thick fog At 4 A.M. saw Whale. Lowered and B Boat struck latter part Employed Cutting

Lat 41 = 00 N.  
Lon 173 = 20 W.

Wednesday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

first part Employed Cutting. Wind N.W. Weather Clear. At 4 P.M. finished Cutting At 9 lowered for Whales. latter part under Double Reefed topsails. Wind W. Employed Bailing Lat 40 = 54 N.

Lon 172 = 35 W.

Thursday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Wind S.W. and pleasant Weather Ship laying off and on the Ice. hand Employed Bailing out. 16 Sail in sight

Lat 40 = 49 N.  
Lon 172 = 01 W.

Friday Aug 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours. Wind S. Weather Clear. Ship laying off and on the Ice under Double Reef topsails. Employed Bailing out. 15 Sail in sight

Lat 40 = 58 N.  
Lon 171 = 01 W.

Saturday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind from S. to W. Weather Clear. Ship laying off and on the Ice. Pratches Employed Bailing out. latter part Employed Stanning down. finished At 12 P.M. 25 Sail in sight



in the Arctic Ocean. R. Pontius. Master 1866

Sunday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind S. Weather foggy hands Employed  
hooking ships and breaking out shafts 10 sail in  
light  
Lat 90 = 45° N.  
Lon 192 = 36° W.

Monday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours Wind N.  
with snow. At 8 A.M. lowered and shot three  
Polar Bears. 13 sail in light - No Obs.

Tuesday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind N. with snow. Ship laying  
off and on the ice. 5 sail in light - At 12 M.  
Spoke Bark. Norton - - no Obs.  
D.R. Lat 91 = 04° N.  
Lon 193 = 00° W.

Wednesday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours - Ship  
laying in scattering ice - Wind N. with fog  
Employed setting up shafts  
No Obs.

Thursday Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind light and variable with fog - Ship  
drifting about among scattering ice - latter part  
clear weather 18 sail in light Spoke Bark. Fanny.

Friday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wind light and variable with fog. latter  
part light breeze from N. Ship Reving L.C.  
35 sail in light - no Obs.

Lat 91 = 12° N.  
Lon 193 = 26° W.

Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising for Whales in

Saturday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

All there twenty five hours. light Breeze  
from N.W. with Occasional fog Squalls. At 7 P.M.  
Saw two Whales, going quick. - latter part ship  
heading to the Westward through Scattering Ice.  
6 Sail in Sight

Lat  $91^{\circ} = 06^{\circ}$  N.  
Lon  $173 = 19^{\circ}$  W.

Sunday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer with Wind N. Weather Clear.  
Ship heading to the Westward Along the edge  
of the Ice. latter part Weather foggy ship  
laying by - no Obs.

Monday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer with Clear Weather and light Breeze  
from N. At 3 P.M. Heaved. Sailed. Bearing S.W. by W.  
Dist. 25 Miles. latter part heading to the Eastward  
Along the Ice 4 Sail in Sight Lat  $91^{\circ} = 25^{\circ}$  N.  
Lon  $174 = 40^{\circ}$  W.

Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer with light Breeze from N.E.  
At 3 P.M. Saw a Whale. Landed, and B. Boat  
Struck, took him to the ship and at 9:30 P.M.  
finished Cutting. latter part Calm Weather. hands Employed  
Bailing Out. 7 Sail in Sight - Lat  $91^{\circ} = 18^{\circ}$  N.

Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Calmer with Small Breeze from S. Ship  
Close to the Ice. Middle and latter part Wind E.N.E.  
with Rain. Watches Employed Bailing Out. no Obs.

Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.E.  
At 7 P.M. Blowing fresh from N.W. Ship under  
Double Reef Tapsails. At 2 A.M. finished Bailing Out.  
At 4 Wind Moderated. latter part Employed Stowing Gear  
finished At 12 P.M. Heaved Land Bearing W.  
Distance 20 Miles



the Arctic Ocean. R. Pontius, Master 1866

Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from W. and pleasant weather. 25 Sail in sight, Ship working Around the edge of the Ice At 12 M. Searched Island. Bearing - W. by S. Distance 25 Miles -

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.W. weather pleasant. latter part Wind S.E. Ship Cruising Along the edge of the Ice. saw two Whales. no chance to land. Day ended 110 Ab.

Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind S.E. and Clear Weather. latter part Wind E. with fog. and A heavy swell from S. Ship working to Windward under topsails.

Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind E. with thick fog. Ship laying off and on the Ice. latter part Wind N.E. and Clear Weather. At 12 M. Searched Island. Bearing S.W. by W. Distance 35 Miles 18 Sail in sight

Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with Clear Weather. Wind from the N.E. Ship running to the Westward Along the Ice. at 7 P.M. saw Whales and Landed. no chance to strike. latter part Wind E. with fog. Spoke Barbs. George. Nang. and Ship. Ocean.

Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

first part Wind E. with fog. at 9 P.M. Inable keep the topsails. Ship working to the Eastward Along the Ice. Day ended still foggy. no Observation - -



Bark C. Swift of New Bedford Cruising for

Thursday August 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Commences with Wind E. and thick fog  
At 5 A.M. Wind hauled to the N.W. Made Sail  
and worked Ship to Windward. At 12 P.M.  
Herald Island Bearing S.W. by S. Dist 40 Miles

Friday August 24 1866

first part Wind N.W. with fog Squalls  
At 7 P.M. See Whales, fog set in and we lost  
run of them. latter part working Ship to the  
N.W. true Sail in sight Lat 72 = 14 N

Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with Wind N.W. and Clear  
Weather At 3 A.M. Herald Island Bearing S. by W.  
Dist 45 Miles. latter part Ship Running S.E.  
Along the Ice, true Sail in sight.

Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with A light Breeze from the  
W. Ship Running to the S.E. Middle and latter  
part Wind N.E. working Ship to the Eastward  
Along the Ice, true Sail in sight - Day ends  
no Ob.

Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with light Breeze from N.E. and  
fog. working Ship to the Eastward At 7 P.M. See  
Whales and lowered. latter part Clear Weather and Calm  
See quite A number of Whales going quick to the  
Westward. At 7 A.M. lowered Again without Success.  
Lat 71 = 2.7 N.  
Sun 172 = 30.7 W.

Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with Calm Clear Weather. plenty of  
Whales going to the W. quick. Ship laying off and on  
the Ice. At 5 A.M. See Whales and lowered.  
Day ends Boat off Whaling



# Whales in the Arctic Ocean. R. Porteus Master 1866

Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from N.E. and Clear Weather. Boats off Whaling At 2 P.M. Whist Boat Struck. Brought the Whale to the Ship and finished cutting At 7 P.M. latter part. Boats Down Whaling 19. Sail in Sight

Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from N.E. and pleasant Weather At 1 P.M. Commenced to Bail Out. Middle part calm. latter part light Airs from N.E. Ship in Scattering Ice. Lat 71° = 20" N.

Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from N.E. and fog Squalls. At 2 P.M. Saw Whales and Landed Ship laying off and on the Ice. At 6 A.M. Commenced to Stow Down Oil and finished At 12 M.

Saturday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

light Breezes from N.E. and Clear Weather Ship Cruising Around in the Ice. At 7 P.M. Saw Whales and Landed. At 4 A.M. Saw Whales and Landed. W. Boat Struck and parted Beam in the Ice. - Day ends - Boats Whaling

Sunday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breezes from N.E. and Clear Weather At 4 P.M. Boats Came on Board without Success, latter part Ship Cruising Along the edge of the Ice. no Whales, 14<sup>th</sup> Sail in Sight Lat 71° = 29" N  
Sept 72 = 21 W

Monday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.E. and pleasant Weather. Ship in Scattering Ice. latter part fresh Breeze from N.E. Ship laying off and on the Ice 7 Sail in Sight



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in

Tuesday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N.E. and Clear Weather. Ship laying off and on the Ice Middle part calm. latter part fresh Breeze from N.W. with snow, 19 Sail in sight

Wednesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N.W. Ship laying off and on the Ice. Middle and latter part Ship clearing E.S.E. with strong Breeze from N. At 6 A.M. Double Reefed topsails and handed courses - Day end no Obs.

Thursday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with strong Breeze from N Ship heading E.S.E. under Double Reefed topsails. At 4 P.M. luffed too under Close Reefed M. topsail. Wind freshening. At 5 A.M. Moderated. Made Sail. At 9 saw Whale and lomed. without success. Lat  $40^{\circ} = 24' N.$   
Lon  $-168 = 30 W.$

Friday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N. and Clear Weather Middle and latter part Ship heading E.N.E. At 12 M. Blowing strong. Ship laying by. under Double Reefed M. topsail. heading W.N.W.

Saturday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Blowing strong from N. Ship heading W.N.W. At 4 P.M. Close Reefed the Main-topsail. Middle and latter part Blowing A gale

Sunday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with A gale of Wind from N with snow. Ship heading W.N.W. under Close Reefed M. topsail. At 6 P.M. put about on the other tack heading E.N.E. Middle and latter part still. Blowing strong from the North - no Obs -



the Arctic Ocean. R. Pontius. Muster 1866

Monday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with a gale of wind from North with snow. Ship under close reefed M. topsails. At 4 A.M. Moderated. Set double reefed topsails. At 11 Breeze freshened, handed fore topsail and layed by, heading N.W. no Ob.

Tuesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Blowing strong from N.N.E. Ship laying by under double reefed M. topsail heading N.W. At 5 A.M. Moderated. Made sail and stood to the N.W. At 8 sighted Herard Island. Bearing S.W. Dis 25 Miles

Wednesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from N and pleasant weather. At 1 P.M. Herard Island Bearing N. Dis 8 Miles Ship running S. by E. At 6 spoke, Bar. Martha. Breeze freshening. Double reefed topsails and layed by the wind. At 6 A.M. Run off to the Southward. At 12 M. Herard Is. Bearing N. Dis 50 Miles

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with a strong Breeze from N.N.E. Ship heading E. under double reefed topsails. Middle and latter parts Wind light. Weather clear Ship heading E.S.E. All sail set

Lat 69° 54' N.  
Long 181° 25' W.

Friday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.E. and clear weather Ship heading E.S.E. All sail set. latter part Wind N.E. Weather cloudy Ship heading N.W. 6 sail in sight.

Saturday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from E. Weather cloudy. Ship heading N.W. All sail set At 5 P.M. spoke ship. Arnaldi. latter part strong Breeze from S. Ship heading N. by S. 10 sail in sight

Lat 69° 50' N.  
Long 178° 15' W.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in

Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with strong Breeze from S. and Clear Weather Ship heading W. by S. At 2 P.M. saw Whale. latter part Breeze light Ship heading on different tack & sail in sight Lat  $69^{\circ} 30' N.$  Lon  $195^{\circ} 05' W.$

Monday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from South and Clear Weather. At 4 P.M. saw several Whales going to windward quick. lowered without success. latter part fresh Breeze from N.W. saw several Whales going quick lowered without success. —

Tuesday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part fresh Breeze from N.W. At 6 P.M. saw Whales going S.W. quick. lowered but could not get an. latter part Wind S.W. Weather Clear At 6 A.M. saw lowered and <sup>W.B.</sup> struck. Day end Employed cutting in

Wednesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from S.W. and Clear Weather. At 4 P.M. finished cutting, At 9 — spoke Bark. Aurora. latter part Calm. Weather Employed Bailing out. 5 sail in sight. Lat  $69^{\circ} 09' N.$  Lon  $178^{\circ} 34' W.$

Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with light Breeze from S.W. Ship by the Wind on different tack. At 4 P.M. saw Whales and lowered. latter part Wind N.W. saw Bearing from S.W. to N. At 10 A.M. saw Whales. lowered and W.B. struck. Day end Boats sent to Whale. — 1 sail in sight —

Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N.W. At 1 P.M. brought Whale to Ship. finished cutting At 5. latter part Wind N.N.W. Ship Cruising Among scattering Ice. Lat  $68^{\circ} 20' N.$  Lon  $174^{\circ} 28' W.$



the Arctic Ocean. R Pontius Master 1866

Saturday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from N.W.  
Weather Clear. Ship Working Among Scattering Ice. Land.  
Employed Bailing out. At 4 P.M. Spoke Park. Fanny.  
Latter part light Breeze from N.W. with a heavy swell  
from N.E. Lat 69 = 26 N  
Lon

Sunday Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from N.W. At 1 P.M.  
saw Whale and lowered. latter part fresh Breeze from W.  
At 11 A.M. saw Whale lowered and <sup>LB</sup> struck. Day ends  
Boats put to Whale -

Monday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from W.N.W.  
At 1 P.M. got the Whale to the ship and finished cutting  
At 6. Middle part Bailing out. Ship under short sail  
At 8 A.M. saw Whales. lowered and W.B. struck and parted  
Lan. At 11 <sup>LB</sup> Boat struck. Day ends Boats put to Whale

Tuesday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part fresh Breeze from N.W. At 1-30 P.M.  
got Whale to ship and finished cutting At 6. Middle part  
Employed clearing away ice and Bailing. latter part Starving  
Lan and Bailing. the sail in light. no Obs.

Wednesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with Wind N.W. Ship under Double  
Reefed sails At 1-30 P.M. saw Whales and lowered. L.B.  
struck got the Whale to the ship and finished cutting  
At 7- Middle and latter part Bailing out At 9 A.M. saw  
Whales. lowered and. S.B. struck and lowered Lat 69 = 36 N.

Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.W. and pleasant Weather. All hand  
Employed Starving Lan out. At 2 P.M. saw Whales and lowered  
At 6 A.M. Blowing strong. Day ends Blowing a gale  
from N.W. Ship under Close Reefed sails Lat 69 = 40 N.



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford. Cruising in the

Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with A gale of Wind from N.W. Ship under Close Reefed Main topsail. Middle and latter parts the same. At 8 A.M. tack in the Main topsail. - Ship covered with Ice. Lat  $69^{\circ} 26' N$

Saturday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Ship laying by, heading N.E. under M. Spencer and J. T. Atyswick. Blowing A gale from N.W. At 6 A.M. moderated A little. Last Close Reefed M. topsail. Day ends. Employed Bailing and Stowing Down

Sunday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with A gale of Wind from N.W. Ship heading N.W. under Close Reefed M. topsail. hands Employed Bailing and Stowing Down. Middle part Moderated latter part heading N.E. under Double Reef topsails  
Lat  $68^{\circ} 44' N$   
Lon  $170^{\circ} 39' W$

Monday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N.W. Ship heading on different tack. hands Employed Bailing and Stowing Down. latter part Wind S.E. Ship heading N.W. At 10 A.M. saw Ice Bearing from S.W. Lat  $69^{\circ} 00' N$   
Lon  $171^{\circ} 52' W$

Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from S.N.E. Ship heading S.E. At 1 P.M. Shortened Sail Down to Close Reefed topsails. At 4 finished Bailing. At 9 Steaming S.E. Wind N. latter part Steaming S.E. Wind N.W. Lat  $69^{\circ} 09' N$   
Lon  $169^{\circ} 08' W$

Wednesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Commenced with A gale from N.W. Ship running under Double Reefed topsails. At 4 P.M. land in Sight Bearing S.W. Dis 20 Miles. At 9 laid by heading N.E. At 5 A.M. Run off S.E. passed the W. Side of the Straits full of Ice At 9 A.M. Cape Prince of Wales Bearing E. Dis 10 Miles



Arctic Ocean, R. Porteus. Master 1866

Thursday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours, fresh gales from N.W.  
With plenty snow. At 7 P.M. Spoke Ship Co. Hauland.  
Ship Stearing & All Sail Set. latter part hand Employed  
Staming down Oil. Lat 64 = 23 N.  
Long 169 = 48 W.

Friday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh gales from N.W. Course S. by E.  
hand Employed Staming down Oil. one Sail in sight.  
Day ends no Observation

Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from N.W. Course S. by E.  
At 9 A.M. Saw Right Whale. and lowered without success  
At 12 M. St Pauls Island in sight Bearing N.E. Dis 30 Miles

Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

fresh Breeze from E. All these twenty four hours  
Ship Working to Windward under Short sail, 10 Sail in  
sight. no Whales. At 12 M. St Pauls. Bearing E. N. E.  
Dis 20 Miles

Monday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from E. Ship under  
Short sail by the Wind. At 3 A.M. Made sail Ship  
Stearing S. by E. - 3 Sail in sight Lat 56 = 10 N.  
Long 170 = 29 W.

Tuesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from N.W. with  
snow squalls. Course S. by W. At 10 A.M. sighted the  
Fox Islands. At 12 M. Mid. passage - Lat 52 = 29 N.  
Long 171 = 12 W.

# Barb. E. Swift of New Bedford from Arctic Ocean

Wednesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours fresh Breeze from N.W. Calm S.E. All sail set, hands Employed Scraping Bone  
 Lat 49 = 39 N.  
 Lon 169 = 25 W.

Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Rich. List  
 Wm. Powell  
 John Hagan  
 Antonio Lapoz  
 Wm. McDaniel  
 John Kibara  
 Commences with fresh Breeze from N.W. Calm S.E. by E. All sail set. latter part light Breeze from E. hands Employed Scraping Bone  
 Lat 48 = 29 N.  
 Lon 165 = 14 W.

Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

All these twenty four hours Blowing strong from N.E. Calm S.E. Ship under Double Reef topsails. hands Employed At various Ship Duty  
 Lat 46 = 36 N.  
 Lon 162 = 00 W.

Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with fresh Breeze from N.E. Ship under Double Reef topsails, latter part wind. W. Calm S.E. All sail set, hands Employed Scraping Bone  
 Lat 43 = 00 N.  
 Lon 159 = 04 W.

Sunday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with A fresh Breeze from S.W. Calm S.E., All sail set, latter part Wind Moderated And hauled Meatboard, mattring in sight, Lat 44 = 09 N.  
 Lon 155 = 12 W.

Monday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part light Breeze from W. Middle part Calm latter part fresh Breeze from N. Calm S.E. All sail set, hands Employed Washing Bone  
 Lat 43 = 10 N.  
 Lon 154 = 09 W.



Bound to San Francisco R. Pontius, Master 1866

Monday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours, Blowing fresh from N.E. Course E.S.E. Ship under Double Reefed Tapsails At 11 P.M. Carried Away fore-dail.

Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with fresh Breeze from N.E. At 4 P.M. Moderate Brest & Mem. For sail. Middle and latter part Wind light from N.E. to S.E. with Rain hand Employed Washing Bane.

Wednesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours, light Breezes from the S.E. Course E.S.E. All sail set, hand Employed Washing Bane and other Ship Duty

Thursday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours, light Breeze from S. and pleasant Weather, Course E.S.E. All sail set, hand Employed Washing Ship

Lat 41 = 40 N.  
Long 144 = 35 W.

Friday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

light Breeze from the Southward All there twenty four hours, Course E.S.E. All sail set, hand Employed in various Ship Work. Weather Cloudy, no Obs.

Lat 41 30 N.  
Long 140 = 41 W.

Saturday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

All there twenty four hours light Breeze from S with Rain Squalls, Course E by S All sail set Nothing in sight

Lat 41 = 25 N.  
Long 139 = 28 W.



# Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford. from Arctic

Monday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Commenced with light breeze from S. and pleasant weather, latter part Wind S.W. Course E.S.E. All sail set, hands Employed At various Ship Duty  
Lat 40 = 40 N.  
Lon 133 = 53 W.

Tuesday Oct. 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

All the fore twenty four hour light breeze from the W. and pleasant weather. Course E.S.E. All sail set hands Employed At General Ship Work -  
Lat 40 = 40 N.  
Lon 131 = 15 W.

Wednesday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commenced with Wind N.W. and pleasant weather. Course E.S.E. All sail set. latter part Wind N.N.E. Weather Cloudy. hands Employed Repairing Rigging -  
Lat 39 = 10 N.  
Lon 127 = 56 W.

Thursday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.N.E. with Cloudy weather. Course E by S. All sail set. Middle part Wind N. latter part Wind N.W. Weather Clear.  
Lat 38 = 10 N  
Lon 123 = 11 W

Friday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

first part Wind N.W.W. with clear weather steering E by N. All sail set Middle part Wind the same at 8.30 A.M. raised St. Reyes bearing S. by E. distance eight miles latter part wind East. St. Light at 2.20 P.M. came to Anchor at 3.40 P.M. in the Port of San Francisco with all strong



Ocean Bound to San Francisco. R. Pontius. Master 1866

Saturday. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with fine weather men imployed in  
drying & packing Boon ready for Shipping Home

Sunday. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Fine weather nothing of Importance - - -

Monday. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Fine weather finished packing Boon to-day  
all ready for Shipping So Ends

Tuesday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commence with fine weather men imployed in  
Ship's Tarey So Ends this Day

Wednesday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

Moderate Weather Wind from the Westward this Day  
men gave a shore to bea Discharged So Ends

Thursday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

This day Land in to the works to Discharge  
all ready So Ends



# Bark E Swift of New Bedford from Article

Friday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1866

This day brook out our Oil Landed  
one Hundred & six Casks all in good  
Order So Ends

Saturday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> / 1866

This day hauled the ship in the mud  
for the Carpenters to work on her also  
cleared out ships hold for stowing our ground  
teas Cooper on board setting up Casks  
So End this day

Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> / 1866

This day nothing doing until Monday

Monday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> / 1866

Fine weather imployed in stowing our ground  
teas for water Coopers to work on board  
setting up Casks also Carpenters & Coopers  
to work on the ship repairing

Tuesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> / 1866

Ship Laying along side of the wharf  
imployed stowing ships hold for  
water & brailing out shucks &  
Soforth So ends

Wednesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> / 1866

Ship Laying along side wharf taking  
in ship stores provisions & water  
to the amount of 8448 lbs water  
& 8 lbs beef So Ends



# Ocean Laying in San Francisco Discharging

Thursday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>/866

Fine weather men employed in  
discharging born on board the Steamer

Received on board 21.5<sup>0</sup> lbs Beef <sup>15:3.77. Lbs</sup>  
300 fat tending So Ends this day

Friday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>/866

Fine weather Ship Laying to the wharf  
taking in Stowers 160 Sacks flour

30 Sacks potatoes 8. tarse molasses

3 Bags Sugar on Chest 10. lbs Pork

butler 11 Sacks beer  
So Ends for me

Saturday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>/866

This day fine weather Laying  
at the wharf at 11 AM the  
tug took the Ship in to the Stream  
latter part Strong gals from the  
N<sup>W</sup> So ends

Sunday Nov 11/66

All this day Strong gals from the  
N with Clear weather  
So ends

Monday Nov 12/66

this day Commenced with Strong  
Gals from the N latter part  
light winds from the N<sup>W</sup> with  
fine weather Ship Laying to anchor.  
Men employed in Ship's duty  
So ends



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford from Arpels

Tuesday Nov 13/66

All this day light airs from all  
parts of the Compass with fine  
weather the Cooper to work  
Setting up Shucks the rest of the  
men employed in Ships duty  
So ends

Wednesday Nov 14/66

All this day light winds with  
Pleasant weather the Cooper employed  
in Setting up Shucks the rest of the  
men employed in Ships duty So ends

Thursday Nov 15/66

All this ~~day~~ light winds and  
Calms with fine weather  
the Coopers employed in Setting  
up Shucks the rest of the men  
employed in Stoving down Cask  
So ends

Friday Nov 16/66

all this day light winds from  
the S E with rainy weather  
So ends

Saturday Nov 17/66

all this day light winds from  
the S W with fine weather  
the Coopers employed in Setting  
up Shucks the rest of the men  
employed in Stoving down  
Cask So ends

Sunday Nov 18/66

all this day light winds  
with fine weather  
So ends



# Ocean Towing to Anchor in San Francisco

Monday Nov 19/66

all this day light winds with fine weather the Coopers employed setting up Shucks the rest of the men employed in Ships duty So ends this day

Tuesday Nov 20/66

all this day light winds from the N W with fine weather the men employed in Storing down flour and taking in water took in 7000 Gals So ends this day

Wednesday Nov 21/66

all this day fine weather with light winds from the N W the men employed in various jobs got up a lot of Stowrs So ends this day

Thursday Nov 22/66

all day fine weather with light winds the men employed in various jobs So ends

Friday Nov 23rd 1866

Begins with strong S.E. winds and rain squalls. men employed about the ship latter part moderating wind from the Southward. So ends these 24 hours.

Saturday Nov 24 1866

Commences with strong S.E. winds and squally weather men employed about the ship 4 P.M. wind increased gave her some more Chain and took up the port anchor to the Cat head. 8 P.M. moderated. So Ends.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford from the

Sunday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866. Commences with light breezes from the NW. and fine weather. ---  
Latter part wind S.E. with rain squalls.  
and continues so all these twenty four  
hours. - so Ends.

Monday Nov. 26. 1866. Commences with a moderate breeze from the Northward and clear weather  
men employed about the ship 4 mate  
Mr. Many came aboard also 3 Boat  
Stearers and 4 foremast hands latter  
part moderate and clear weather.

Tuesday Nov. 27 1866. Commences with light Northerly winds  
and pleasant weather men employed  
about various jobs about the ship -  
Latter part light Northerly winds and  
fine weather & got 13 men aboard.  
Today also Mr Smith Second Officer  
all ready for sea. so Ends.  
these 24 hours.

Wednesday Nov. 28 1866. Commences with light airs and  
calms. and continues so all through the  
first part. received the remainder of our  
crew on board. making 3 in all -  
at 3.30 P.M. Steam tug lookout came  
alongside and towed us and the bark  
sailing out in company 5 P.M. let go  
the steamer and made sail heading N.W. by  
S.E. close hauled. and a light breeze from  
S.E. weather clear. - so Ends. civil account  
got  
along



Little Ocean. Laying at anchor in San Francisco  
At. Sea. R. Butis Master

Thursday Nov. 29. 1866  
Nautical account.

Commences with light S. winds  
and pleasant weather. 3.30 started  
for sea. 5 A.M. passed the Farallones  
Islands about 4 miles off weather  
foggy men employed stowing the anchor  
and fitting boats. 1 man off duty  
sick. ship heading to the S.W.  
So ends these twenty four hours.  
No Observations.

Lat " "  
Long " "

Friday Nov. 30th 1866

1 man off Duty  
sick

Commences with light Southeast  
winds and a thick fog 3 P.M. spoke  
the big Alert of Hong Kong bound  
to San Francisco. 6 P.M. wind increases  
ship close hauled heading S.W. latter  
part calms and heavy squalls from N.W.  
all sail set 3 A.M. furled the top gallant  
sails 7 A.M. set all sail remainder of  
these 24 hours calm. Lat 37° 08' N.  
Long " " W.

Saturday Dec. 1st 1866

Commences with light airs and  
calms. all sail set heading to the S.W.  
men employed fitting boats and stowing  
chains. weather clear and pleasant. 5 A.M.  
moderate breeze from the Southward wind increases  
furled the top gallant sails and double reefed  
the topsails wind veering to the westward  
8 A.M. wore ship heading to the Southward  
11 A.M. Calms. so ends.

Lat " "  
Long " "

Sunday Dec. 2 1866

Commences with light airs and calms  
men employed breaking out fresh water and  
other goods. middle part calms and clear weather  
continues so the remainder of these twenty  
four hours. heavy swell from the West-  
ward

Lat .. 36 57 N.  
Long " " W.



Bark. C. Swift of New Bedford from San Francisco

Monday Dec. 3rd 1866. Commences with light winds from the Southward and foggy weather. Saw a ship steering to the Southward } All sail set heading to the Eastward  
6 P.M. furled the fore topgallant sail  
and fly jib wind veering to the S.W.  
1 A.M. wind West steering S.S.W.  
Latter part moderate breeze and fine weather. men employed clearing up between Decks.  
Course S.S.W. Lat. 34° 47' N.  
Long 126° 51' W.

Tuesday Dec. 4th 1866. Commences with light winds from the westward and pleasant weather. Saw a ship steering to the southward } All sail set steering S.S.W.  
Latter part light breeze and pleasant weather. men employed making spun yarn and fitting boats with  
N.V.C.  
Course S.S.W. Lat 32° 36' N  
Long 127° 45' W.

Wednesday Dec. 5th 1866 Commences with light Northwesterly winds and fine weather. All sail set steering S.S.W. continues so all through the latter part. men employed making spun yarn and coiling whale lines. Charles the Kanaka on Duty again. }  
Course S.S.W. Lat 30° 37' N  
Long 129° 52' W.



Bound to the S.W. R. Pontius Master

Thursday, Dec. 6th. 1866 Commences with moderate breeze  
from N.E. all sail set steering S.W. by S.  
saw 1 fin back. Latter part light  
breezes and fine weather took in the  
Starboard boat on deck for repairs  
men employed repairing cutting gear  
and making spun yarn  
Course S.W. by S. Lat.  $28^{\circ} 30' N.$   
by account Long  $131^{\circ} 50' W$

Friday Dec 7 1866 Commences with light Easterly  
winds and fine weather all sail set  
steering S.W. by S. Carpenter repairing the  
Starboard boat sent down the gaff  
Topsail for repairs. Latter part light from  
N.E. sent up the gaff topsail and bent it.  
men employed repairing cutting gear and  
various other jobs. Course S.W. by S. Lat.  $27^{\circ} 28'$   
Long  $132^{\circ} 40'$

Saturday Dec. 8th 1866. Commences with light N.E. winds and  
fine weather all sail set steering S.W. by S.  
light winds through the middle and  
latter parts. men employed variously about  
the ship overhauled for barley bet four  
none - all sail set steering S.W. by S.  
Course S.W. by S. Lat.  $26^{\circ} 42' N.$   
Long  $134^{\circ} 01' W.$

Sunday Dec. 9th 1866. Commences with light N.E. winds  
and pleasant weather all sail set  
steering S.W. by S. got the Starboard  
out on the cranes again. Latter part  
light winds from N.E. and fine weather  
all sail set Course S.W. by S. Lat  $25^{\circ} 36'$   
Long  $135^{\circ} 14' W$

Monday Dec. 10 1866 Commences with light N.E. trades  
and good weather all sail set steering  
S.W. by S. men employed at ship's duty  
Latter part light winds from N.N.W.  
broke out the bread and coopered it and  
stowed it back again Course S.W. by S. Lat  $24^{\circ} 25'$   
Long  $136^{\circ} 23'$



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford from San. Francisco

Tuesday Dec. 11th 1866. Commences with a light wind from  
1 man off duty sick }  
named Davis. }  
N. N. W. all sail set steering S. W. by S  
weather fine. saw several Fin backs whale  
Sent down the main topsail for repairs  
middle and latter part moderate breezes  
from N. E. men employed repairing sails  
Course S. W. by S. Lat 22° 38' N.  
Long 138° 29' W.

Wednesday Dec. 12th 1866 Commences with moderate breezes  
One Boat Steerer off duty }  
Chick }  
from N. E. steering S. W. by S. continues so  
the remainder of this day men employed  
repairing sails Course S. W. by S Lat 20° 20'  
Long 140° 27'

Thursday Dec. 13th 1866. Commences with moderate trades  
and fine weather all sail set steering  
S. W. by S. men employed repairing sails  
Strong trades all through the latter part.  
all sail set steering S. W. by S. weather  
Clear and pleasant. Lat 18° 02' N.  
Long 142° 45' W.

Friday Dec. 14th 1866. Commences with strong N. E. trades  
and fine weather all sail set steering  
S. W. by S. men employed repairing sails  
bent a new main sail and shifted the  
fore topsail and main royal. moderate  
trades and fine weather all sail set steering  
S. W. by S Lat 15° 29' N.  
Long 144° 57' W.

Saturday Dec. 15th 1866.  
Commences with moderate N. E. trades  
and fine weather all sail set steering  
S. W. by S. men employed repairing  
sails. Several rain squalls fine weather  
the remainder of these twenty four  
hours. steering S. W. Lat 13° 06' N.  
Long 148° 01' W.

Sunday Dec. 16th 1866 Commences with moderate N. E. trades  
and fine weather men employed  
at ship's duty. continues so the remain  
of these twenty four hours  
Lat 11° 56' N.  
Long 151° 06' W.



bound to the S. W. R. Pontius Master.

Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1866 Commences with light N.E. trades and good weather men  
Adams the boat steerer } Employed repairing sails all  
on duty again } sail set steering S W by W.  
7 A.M. passed close to where the  
Island of Manuel Rodrigues is  
laid down on the Chart but seen  
no indications of land weather  
fine with moderate trades, all sail  
set steering S W by W Lat 10° 45'  
Long 153° 37' W.

Tuesday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with moderate N.E. trades and pleasant weather all  
Davis on duty again } sail set steering S W by W. latter  
part squally, 8 A.M. steering  
W.S.W. with all sail set men  
employed repairing rigging &c. -  
Lat 9° 27' N.  
Long 156° 28' W.

Wednesday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with strong N.E. trades  
and rain squalls all sail set steering  
W.S.W. men employed repairing sails  
and making spars warm. Rain  
squalls through the latter part.

Lat 8° 30' N  
Long 159° 18' W.

Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Commences with moderate N.E. trade winds all sail set steering S W by W. men employed repairing rigging and sails. Latter part moderate trade and pleasant weather, all sail set steering S W by W.

Lat. 7° 32' N.  
Long 161° 56' West.  
Course S W by W.



Bark. C. Swift. of. New Bedford from. San.

Friday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1866. Commences with moderate N.E. trades  
and fine weather all sail set steering  
S W by W. painted the starboard boat.  
men employed overhauling rigging &c.  
latter part - squally weather. 3. P. M. a great  
many birds around the ship.  
No Observations . . . . Lat. - 6° 25' N.

Saturday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1866 By account. Long. 163° 06' W  
Commences with moderate N.E. trade  
winds and rainy weather, and continues  
so all the first part, middle, and latter  
parts. fine weather wind veering from N.E.  
to E. men employed repairing rigging &c.  
Lat. 5° 33' N.  
By account. Long 164° 15' West.

Sunday Dec. 23. 1866 Commences with light variable  
wind and squalls. all sail set steering  
S W by W. men employed at ships  
Duty. saw a great many birds about  
the ship. latter part wind E.S.E.  
with a steady breeze, all sail set -  
Lat - 4° 36' N.  
Long 168° 30' West

Monday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. 1866. Commences with moderate breeze  
from E.S.E. all sail set steering S W by W.  
a great many birds around men  
employed. breaking out shooks and repair-  
ing rigging latter part. light breezes and  
fine weather all sail set, steering S W by W  
Lat 3° 15' N.  
Long 170° 39' W.

Tuesday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866 Commences with light winds from  
the Eastward and fine pleasant  
weather Cooper employed setting up  
shooks. men employed setting up  
the fore rigging latter part light winds  
from the eastward - all sail set steering  
S W by W. Lat. 2° 39' N.  
Long 172 34. W



San Francisco bound to the Westward R. Portius Master

Wednesday Dec 26th 1866

Commences with light winds from the eastward all sail set steering S by W. 3 P.M. saw a school of black fish going to windward quick. men employed repairing rigging cooper setting up shooks. so Ends at Lat 1° 09' N. Long 175° 45' West.

Thursday Dec. 27 1866. Commences with moderate trades from East and fine weather all sail set steering S by W. 6 P.M. furled all the light sail and luffed too. - heading S by E. daylight kept her off S. 7 P.M. raised Baker's Island. English ship loading named Mary Frances of Glasgow. kept her off S.W. - and made all sail. light breezes and fine weather.

Lat. 00° 09' North  
Long 176° 53' West.

Friday Dec 28th. 1866

Commences with light winds from the Eastward and fine weather all sail set steering S by W. 6 P.M. shortened sail and luffed to the wind. daylight kept her off W by S and made all sail. men employed setting up rigging light breezes and fine weather.

Lat. 00° 15' North  
Long 177° 11'

Saturday Dec. 29th 1866 Commences with light breezes from the Eastward and fine weather All sail set steering W by S. men employed repairing rigging and breaking out and stowing the after hold. 6 P.M. shortened sail. Daylight made sail steering W by S. Nothing in sight. Lat. 00° 29' N. Long 179° 08' West.



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising on the Line.

Sunday Dec. 30th 1866 Commences with light N.E. trades  
and fine pleasant weather all sail set -  
Crossed the Meridian } steering W by S. 6 P.M. shortened sail  
in Lat 56 miles South } Daylight made all-sail, steering W by S  
11 A.M. raised a ship steering to the  
Westward light breezes and pleasant  
weather. Lat. 51 miles South  
Long 179. 51 East

1867  
Monday Dec 31st 1866  
Spoke the Bark Java } Commences with light breezes and fine  
Clear from Honolulu } weather all sail set steering W by S. men  
Crossed the Meridian } employed working ship middle part light-  
therefore we call today } breezes and fine weather  
January 1st 1867. Lat. 1° 10 South  
Long. 178. 43 East

Wednesday January 2nd 1867- Commences with light-  
winds and fine clear weather men  
employed repairing rigging continues  
so all these twenty four hours Java  
still in sight. Lat 1° 15 South  
Long 176° 51 East.

Thursday Jan 3rd 1867.  
Bark Java in sight } Commences with light trades  
1 Kanaka we shipped in } and fine clear weather all sail set  
San Francisco wished for to be } steering W by S 2 P.M. raised Byrons  
set ashore on Byrons Island } island ahead 5 P.M. natives aboard  
as he was sick so the captain } 6 P.M. shortened sail and luffed  
let him go ashore } too. light breezes and good weather.  
All of these 24 hours. Lat 1° 11 S  
Long. 176 35 East

Friday Jan 4th 1867  
James Ryan asked Captain } Commences with light trades and  
Continued for to let him go } fine weather men employed repairing  
Ashore here on Byrons } rigging 3 ships in sight 6 P.M.  
island so he let him } spoke the Bark Norman from  
go. Shipped in San- } Honolulu Clear. 6 P.M. shortened  
Francisco as Foremast } sail and lay aback all night daylight  
Hand- } got made all sail ready to the S.  
Lat. 1° 33.  
Long.



For Spearman. R. Pontius Master

Saturday Jan<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1867

Bark Java in  
sight to the  
NW —

Commences with light-winds from the East  
and fine weather all sail set heading  
to the Southward saw a school of Black-  
fish going to windward quick also a great many  
fish around the ship 3 P.M. tacked ship  
heading to the Northward Byrons Island still  
in sight also Perot Island in sight to the  
Westward. 6 P.M. shortened sail daylight  
made all sail Perot Island in sight Bearing  
N by N. distant 7 miles remainder of the twenty  
four hours working to the Eastward.

Lat 1° 12' S  
Long 176° 23' East.

Sunday Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1867.

2 Blackfish  
L. B.  
H. B.

Commences with light NE trades and  
fine weather all sail working to the East-  
ward. 6 P.M. close to Byrons Island natives  
aboard trading for Coconuts and Brown Stiff  
lay aback all night daylight made  
sail 10 A.M. raised a school of Blackfish  
in shore lowered away 3 Boats and struck  
2 and saved them. Light breezes and fine  
weather all sail set 12 M. Byrons  
island bearing N.E. distant 5 miles.  
No Observations

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

2 ships in  
sight.

Commences with light NE trades  
and fine weather all sail set steering  
S. by E. men employed mincing the Black  
fish blubber. 6 P.M. shortened sail daylight  
made all sail steering S. by E. 7 A.M. raised  
Hope Island ahead. Several canoes came  
off wind veering into the NW. hauled  
up for rotches Island, saw a steaming  
to the Eastward also the ship adline of  
New Bedford.

Lat 3° 31' South  
Long .. East.



# Bark E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising on the

Tuesday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. 1867.

Commences with light winds from NW and fine weather all sail set working to the Eastward men employed - repairing rigging 2 P.M. raised a school of Black Fish lowered 3 boats and struck but drew again lost 2 - wind veering to the Westward middle and latter part calm. saw a great many fish around the ship Hope Island in sight Bearing S.E. distant 20 miles  
Lat.  $2^{\circ} 31'$  South  
Long  $167^{\circ} 47'$  East.

Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1867.

Commences with a light air from the Northward all sail set working to the westward men employed trying out the black fish blubber and taring rigging and 8 - middle and latter part moderate breeze from the NW under short sail through the night daylight made all sail steering west. 9 P.M. tacked ship heading to the Eastward saw a ship heading to the NW. under all sail  
Lat  $2^{\circ} 05'$  S  
Long  $136^{\circ} 32'$  E. -

Thursday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>. 1867.

Commences with light breeze from Northward and good weather all sail set steering S. by E. 5 P.M. raised Rotches Island ahead - -  
6 P.M. shortened sail and luffed too 11 P.M. took a heavy squall from the Westward and split the main topsail called all hands and sent it down sent up the fore topsail latter part light breeze from N.W. and frequent squalls all sail set working to the West Rotches Island distant 1 mile  
Lat  $2^{\circ} 33'$  S - -



Line for Spearman. R. Pontius Master. ....

Friday Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 Commences with a light breeze from the N.W. and dark cloudy weather with frequent rain squalls. 10 P.M. Captain went on shore and traded for Chickens and coconuts. 3 P.M. Captain aboard again made sail and stood to the Northward. 6 P.M. shortened sail to double reefed topsails and jib. daylight made sail heading to the North squally through the latter part saw a great many fish around the ship. Lat. 1° 40' S Long 176° 44' East.

Saturday Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1867 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward. and dark cloudy weather with frequent rain squalls. 3 P.M. double reefed the topsails and stowed the jib. bent an old second handed fore top gallant sail. frequent rain squalls. daylight set the courses. and main top sail heading to the Westward. Byrons Island in sight to the Southward. men employed repairing main top sail. Lat. 1° 10' S. Long 176° 23' E

Sunday Jan<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1867 Commences with a strong breeze from N.N.W. under double reefed topsails heading to the Westward. 4 P.M. raised Jernat Island to the S.W. 6 P.M. tacked ship heading N.E. weather squally. and shortened sail. Daylight made all sail heading N.W. with wind at N.N.E. and fine weather saw some fish around the ship. Lat. 00° 47' South Long 176° 02' East



Bark. E. Swift. of New Bedford Cruising on.

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with light breeze from N.E.  
all sail set. steering to the N.W. 6 P.M. shortened  
sail saw some fish around the ship a great  
deal of Thunder and lightning through the night  
daylight made all sail heading to the S.E. light  
airs and calms through the remainder of these 24  
hours 11 A.M. raised a school of Black fish going  
to windward quick lowered 3 batts but without  
success.  
Lat. 45 miles South.  
Long 176° 14' East.

Tuesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with light airs and calms all  
sail set heading to the Eastward men employed  
repairing sails and c. Bent the old main topsail  
again. a great many fish around the ship.  
6 P.M. shortened sail light airs through the  
night daylight made all sail steering S.E.  
repaired the try works. &c.  
Lat. 00° 49' S.  
Long 176° 42' E.

Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with light winds  
and heavy squalls from the Westward  
1 P.M. furlled all of the light sails and  
double reefed the fore topsail raised a ship  
to the Eastward 6 P.M. spoke the decline  
of New Bedford 25 Bbs Spearman since leaving  
Honolulu Ship heading N.E. 12 midnight  
tacked ship 10 A.M. tacked ship heading  
to the North. so ends squally weather from  
the Westward  
Lat 1° 10' S.  
Long 177° 22' E.



The Line for Sperm oil R. Pontius Master

Thursday Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward and squally weather under double reefed topsails and courses. men employed making spun yarn. and repairing rigging daylight made all sail stering. By 6 P.M. shortened sail. No observations by account Lat - 1° 18' S  
do. Long 177° 12 East

Friday Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with a moderate breeze and squally weather all sail set stering to the Westward. saw a school of killers. 6 P.M. shortened sail. strong breeze and squally weather through the night. daylight set the courses heading to the westward. men employed taring rigging and making spun yarn. so ends these twenty four hours.

Lat. 1° 8' S  
Long. 176° 55' East.

Saturday Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with a moderate breeze and. Dark and cloudy weather all sail set stering West by S men employed making spun yarn and taring rigging. 4 P.M. raised by Cape Island ahead 6 P.M. shortened sail and tacked ship heading to the NE Byron's Island distant 8 miles Bearing W S W. tacked ship heading NE. 2 A.M. tacked heading SW. heavy squalls through the night. 11 A.M. raised the island Bearing SW. made sail.

Lat. 1° 9' S  
Long. 176° 27' East.



Bark. E. Shift of New Bedford. Cruising on the

Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Commences with a light breeze from  
Ship 1 Kanaka } the North all sail set steering N. S. W.  
from Byrons Island } Byrons Island in sight ahead raised a -  
Breach off the Port Bow. Kept of for it But  
seen no more of it. some natives came aboard  
and traded for Brown stuff, Native wished  
for to go in the ship and we kept him  
Kept Ther off S.W. daylight made sail  
Clarks Island in sight ahead Ship adeline  
in sight. Lat 1° 56 S. -  
Long.

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup> 1867-

Commences with a moderate breeze  
from N.W. and squally weather men employ-  
on ship spoke the ship adeline of New Bedford  
wind from the westward. carrying sail working  
to the Westward adeline still in sight weather  
fine saw a great many fish around the ship  
men employed scraping the ship outside

Lat 2° 26 S  
Long 175° 41 E.

Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1867-

Experienced an Easterly  
Current. these twenty  
four hours of about  
1 Knot. per hour.

Commences with light wind  
from the Westward and fine pleasant  
weather men employed scraping ship  
Outside. light winds from the westward  
the remainder of these twenty four hours  
all sail set working to the westward...  
So Ends.

Lat. 2° 40' S  
Long 175° 22' E.



Line for. Steam oil R. Portus Master

Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1867

Commences with a moderate breeze from  
NW all sail set steering to the SE -  
6 P. M. thunder squalls and lightning  
furled the light sails ship heading  
West. continues so through the night daylight  
made all sail 10 A. M. heavy rain squalls with  
thunder and lightning from S W. double reefed  
the fore topsail and furled the light sails  
split the fly jib. no Observations  
of account. Lat 3° 05' S  
Long 174° 30' East

Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Commences with a light breeze and squally  
weather from the Southward a great deal of  
thunder and lightning 4 P. M. some  
heavy squalls double reefed the main top  
sail 6 P. M. wind NW. wore ship  
and headed to the westward 7 A. M.  
tacked ship heading to the North men  
employed scraping ship outside.

Lat. 2° 16' S.  
Long 174° 16' East

Friday Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with a strong breeze from NW  
under double reefed topsails and courses men  
employed scraping ship ship heading NW &  
4 P. M. set a whole main topsail repaired  
the fly jib. wind veering to the North 6 P. M.  
tacked ship heading West made all sail daylight  
saw a ship ahead. strong breeze and good weather  
11 A. M. came up with the Bark. but did not  
make out her name.

Observations Lat. 1° 52' South  
Account. Long 173° 36' East -



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford Cruising on the Line

Saturday January 26th. 1867

Sick List  
Alfred. Davis

Strong Easterly  
Current

Commenced with a moderate breeze from --  
N N W all sail set steering West 3 P M.  
heavy rain squalls furled all light sails and double  
reefed the fore topsails Bark still in sight working  
to the westward. 1 A M made sail heading  
to the North. men employed scraping ship  
out side bent the fly jib Experienced  
a strong current setting to the Eastward

Lat 1° 20 S  
Long 173° 55 E.

Sunday Jan 27-1867

Strong Easterly Current

Commenced with a light Breeze from N N  
W all sail set heading to the westward  
Bark still in sight. middle part light  
airs and calms with squalls. daylight  
a moderate breeze from SW. all sail set  
10 A M. calm - strong current setting to  
the Eastward. nothing in sight

Observations. Lat 1° 16. South  
Long 173. 29 East

Monday Jan 28th. 1867.

Strong Easterly Current.

Commenced with calms and fine  
weather all sail set. men employed.  
repairing the jib and. scraping ship.  
remains calm all of these 24 hours.  
saw a school of Blackfish going quick -  
so Ends. this twenty four hours

Lat 1° 10 S.  
Long 173° 40 E.



For Sperm Oil R Pontius Master 1867 --

Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Strong Current  
setting to the East.  
ward.

Commences with a light air from NNE. all  
sail set heading to the westward. men emp-  
loyed scraping ship and repairing rigging.  
Took the Larboard boat in on deck for  
repairs. middle part squally latter part  
calm. 10 A.M. light breeze from the  
North and fine weather all sail set  
steering to the westward.

Lat. 40 miles south  
Long 173° 8 East

Wednesday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Crossed the Equator  
in Longitude  
173° 45' E

Commences with a moderate breeze from  
NNE. all sail set steering WNW. men  
employed scraping and painting ship  
{ Carpenter employed repairing the Larboard  
boat. 6 P.M. strong breeze from NNE.  
took in the light sails middle part calm  
with squalls. Latter part made all sail ready  
WNW.

Lat. 00. 14 North  
Long 173° 34 East.

Thursday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 1867.

Commences with strong trades winds and  
squally weather men employed about the ship.  
all sail set steering WNW. heavy squalls  
through the night. 11 P.M. wind NE. double  
reefed the top sails heavy rain squalls the remainder  
of these twenty four hours. also a great deal of thunder  
and lightning no observations

account Lat 1° 30 N.

Long 169° 50 East

Friday <sup>C. Thompson</sup> Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1867.

Commences with light winds from NE and  
heavy rain squalls. light sails furled. steering NW by N.  
continues so through the Middle part Latter part  
strong breeze from NNE. and squalls men employed  
at various jobs around the ship all sail set steering  
NW.

Lat 2° 00 North  
Long 168° 38 East



Bark E. Swift of New Bedford from San Francisco Towards

Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1867-

Commences with strong breezes and heavy rain squalls finished the Starboard boat and put her on the cranes again took the spare boat down off the house for repairs 3. P M wind increasing furlled all of the light-sails and double reefed the topsails middle part a moderate breeze shook out reefs latter part strong breeze under whole topsails steering N.W. sent in the jib as it got split for repairs 8 P M split the fore topsail sent it down for repairs  
Lat - 3° 57' N  
Long 166 25 E

Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1867-

Commences with a stiff Breeze from the N.E. whole topsails and courses steering N.W. finished the repairs on the spare boat and put her on top of the house. sent up the fore topsail and bent the jib double reefed the topsails. weather squally 4. P. M steering N.W. by W. - strong breezes through the middle and latter parts. 4 P M set the whole main top sail 9 A M set the main top gallant sail - - weather moderating  
Lat - 6° 02 North  
Long 164° 10 East.

Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Mrs Davis off } Commences with a moderate N.E. trades and  
Duty sick- } fine weather all sail set, steering N by N.  
men employed - scrubbing ship saw a great many birds in sight. Painted the spare boat.  
Lat. 7° 16' N.

Tuesday Feb 5. 1867.

Commences with strong N.E. trades and light rain squalls. all sail set steering N by E. 1/2 E. men variously employed. painting ship strong N.E. trades all of these twenty four hours all sail setting steering N by E. 10 A. M. raised ascension ahead.  
Lat 6° 58' N  
Long 178° 50 E



Ascension R Portius Master 1867  
x Ascension Island

Wednesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong N.E. trades  
and squally weather 4 P.M. off Rona Kiti  
Sea account. Harbour. Ascension Island sent a boat ashore  
after a pilot - 6 P.M. came to anchor in  
nine fathoms of water furled all sails and set  
anchor watches light N.E. trades through the  
night - 5 A.M. called all hands -

Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> Laying in Rona Kiti Harbour Ascension  
Commences with strong N.E. trades  
and squally weather men employed  
beaking out fore hold. coopers employed  
setting up water pipes tried for to hold the  
ship into the Inner harbour but the breeze  
too strong from N.E. - so Ends -

Rona Kiti Harbour  
Ascension Island

Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with light N.E. trades and fine  
weather laying at anchor in Rona Kiti Ascension  
men employed getting water aboard. and painted  
the starboard boat. hauled the ship further  
in to the harbour letting go anchor in 12 fathoms  
of water. with 30 fathoms of chain out got  
a raft of water off and stowed it down containing  
about 90 barrels. so Ends laying in Rona  
Kiti Harbour Ascension Island -

Saturday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with variable winds and squally  
men employed getting water and beaking out  
the after Hatch. got off a raft of water making  
about 110 barrels. Captain Portius and the rever  
Mr Sturges left at 7 A.M. for Ant Island  
in the starboard boat. and arrived at 3 P.M.  
so Ends -

Rona Kiti Harbour

Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Ascension

2 men Deserted  
and Bill a Kan  
aka from Ebon  
and Brown

Commences with strong N.W. winds and squally  
weather men employed getting of water 8 A.M. sent  
the men ashore on Liberty so Ends -

Rona Kiti Harbour  
Ascension Island



# Bark & Swift of New Bedford Laying in Rona

Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> 1867- Commences with moderate N.E. wind and light rain squalls - men on liberty run down all hands on board but the steerage boys set strike watches through the night saw 2 ships pass, supposed to be the Illinois and Wm. Ketch. from Bonatiki Harbour -

Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 1867-

At anchor in the lee harbour of Ascension - men employed getting wood and water and painting the channels of the ship got 60 iron poles and a spare for the yard - so End - Rona Riti.

Ascension

Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with light trades and fine weather men employed getting off wood and water. got off 100 barrels and 2 boats loads of water. Carpenter drunk on duty also 1 native off Ebon. Mr. Sturges paid us a visit today. Rona Riti harbour.

Ascension

Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Commences with moderate N.E. trades and good weather men employed getting off water & wood. loosed the sail and dried them - saw a ship of Penzance going into Moduck - so End

Laying in Rona Riti Harbour -

Ascension

Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Sick List -  
Samuel. Cuffy  
George.  
John.

Commences - with strong N.E. trades and fine weather men employed getting wood aboard - latter part light trades and pleasant weather continues so all of these twenty four hours laying at anchor in Rona Riti harbour

Ascension -



Rita Harbour Ascencion Island R. Pontius Master

Saturday February 16th 1867 Commences with strong N.E. trades  
and good weather men employed getting wood  
aboard and water hatted for some game and  
C-o remains fine all through these twenty  
four hours. Laying at anchor in Rona Rita  
Harbour Ascencion

Sunday February 17th 1867 Commences with light N.E. trades and  
pleasant weather closed our sails to dry  
and furled them again. Cleared up decks and  
washed off. Mr. Smith second officer started  
for Middle Harbour in a canoe - latter part  
heavy rain squalls & A.M. captain started  
for Moduc. Harbour so Ends

Laying in Ascencion

Monday February 18th 1867- Commences with moderate trades  
and squally weather 5 P.M. Captain  
aboard reports 2 ships at Moduc.  
Adeline and Florida 7 P.M. Mr. Smith  
got back. latter part heavy rain squalls  
men employed getting wood and water  
aboard. 7 A.M. loaded all of our  
sails to dry so Ends got 1000 Coconuts<sup>into</sup>

Laying in Ascencion

Tuesday February 19th 1867- Commences with light wind from  
NW. and Cloudy weather men employed  
getting wood and water. 4 P.M. furled  
all of the sails. and got 380 Coconuts  
latter part fine weather and moderate trades  
11 A.M. commenced painting ship outside  
remainder of the men employed getting wood  
and water. so ends Ascencion.

Wednesday February 20th 1867- Commences with moderate N.E.  
trades and fine weather men employed  
painting ship outside and storing wood  
and water. latter part fine weather and a light  
breeze. so ends laying in Rona Rita Harbour  
Ascencion Island.



# Bark & Swift of New Bedford. Laying in Ascension

Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> 1867.

Commences with light Northerly winds and fine weather men employed painting ship outside and getting off wood. Mr. Doane the American Missionary for Ascension paid us a visit. Latter part calm with indications of rain. continues dry all through these twenty four hours. Captain Fraser of Bark Canton Packet came on board reports 35 barrels since leaving Honolulu. so ends Laying in Kona Kiti Harbour

Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1867

Commences with calms and light airs from the North. Canton Packet Laying off and on Captain Davis of the Bark Navy came aboard today reports 117 barrels of sperm oil since leaving Honolulu men employed painting ship and getting off wood. Captain Pontius paid Mr. Sturges a visit in company with Captain Williams of the ship Florida. Latter part strong N.E. trades and fine weather. got 32 boat loads of wood in all. and about 4 thousand coconuts so ends Laying in Ascension

Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1867.

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather men employed painting ship and getting wood. aboard. loosed the sails for to dry and furled them again got all ready for to <sup>smoke</sup> ship. light westerly winds through the night. latter part trades got 2 gallons of Paint oil from Captain Williams finished painting outside so Ends Ascension

Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 1867

lat by Obs. 6° 46' N. Commences with a light S.E. winds and pleasant weather. Captain Barrit of Bk Sun Beam came aboard reports having taken 80 Barrels Sperm Oil since leaving Honolulu - got all ready for to smoke ship 9 A.M. started the fires so Ends sent Mr. Smith to wind ward. for the 2 men that deserted the ship men ashore.

Ascension Island



Recruiting for North Br. Pontius Master 1867. ---

Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1867. Commences with light winds from the Northward. 4 P.M. opened the hatches calm through the night. got off 1 Boat load of wood. and finished painting outside and painted the foremast. 10 A.M. Mr Smith got back from the windward with 1 of the men that deserted the ship named Brown put him in irons. the Ebon Kanaka we did not get. got in the old boat and got all ready for to sail. Ascension Island —

Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> 1867 Commences with a light breeze from the Northward. 1 P.M. hoisted ahead and made all sail and at 4 P.M. outside and squared away. 8 P.M. passed Saint Augustine. steering N.W. strong N.E. trades secured the anchors. split the fly jib. set it in for repairs latter part stiff breezes ship close hauled heading N.W. got 155 fms so  
Ends. Lat 8° 19' N  
Long 156° 16' E

From Ascension To Saypan Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather men employed repairing sails and fitting. Boats all sail set heading N.W. middle part strong breeze furled the light sails latter part double reefed the topsails men employed repairing sails. so Ends  
Lat 10° 39' N  
Long 153° 49' E.



Bark E. Swift from Ascension Forwards Saypan.

Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup> 1867.

2 P.M. Released } Commences with very strong N.E. trades  
Brown the deserter } and good weather men employed repairing sails  
out of Looms - } and &c. middle part moderating set a whole  
main topsail. Latter part made all sail  
steering N.W. by N. bent the fly jib so Ends  
Lat. 12° 35' N.  
Long 151° 11' East

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 1867. Commences with a moderate breeze  
Sick list } from N.N.E. all sail set steering N.W. by  
John. } W. men employed overhauling the starboard  
Cable and oiling it and strapping it down  
below again. strong breezes through the middle  
and latter part men employed overhauling  
the port cable. painted the waist and bow  
boat inside &c. Ends Lat. 14° 03' N.  
Long 147° 18' East

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1867  
Commences with strong N.E. trade winds  
and fine weather all sail set steering W.  
N.W. men employed about the ship  
12 P.M. luffed to daylight kept her off and  
made all sail 9 A.M. raised Saypan  
anch. got the anchors all ready &c -  
Lat  
Long.

Island.

Saypan..

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1867. Commences with strong N.E. winds  
and squally weather 2 P.M. came to  
anchor in 10 fathoms of water with  
25 fathoms of chain out. Nautilus, Wm.  
Retch. and Jara at anchor. 4 P.M.  
saw 2 humpbacks lowered the  
boats without success. daylight lowered  
2 boats but did not strike so Ends

Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1867. Commences with strong N.E.  
trades and fine weather daylight -  
lowered the boats after humpbacks  
without success whales very shy - at Ends  
laying in saypan



R. Pontus Master February 28th 1867

Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1867 At Anchor in Sappan.  
Commences with strong N E trades  
Circ Account } and fine weather men employed Break  
-ing out empty barrels also Bread and  
flour. Bark Nautilus got under way  
today and left daylight lowered the boats  
for to whale it but did not strike so Ends  
-laying in Sappan.

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1867. Commences with moderate N E.  
trades and fine weather. boats whaling  
but without success - 8 AM whist officer  
struck and got stove gave first officer half  
of the whale for striking him towed the  
stoven boat alongside and took her in on  
Deck for Repairs. so Ends

Thursday March 7 1867 Sappan.  
Commences with strong N E trades  
and heavy squalls - 2 boats whaling  
Carpenter repairing the larboard boat  
4 P M finished the repairs and  
put her on the Cranes. Again Bark  
Leicester came to anchor. Ship Florida  
and Bark Active came in and went  
off again so Ends Sappan

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Commences with strong N E trades  
and squalls. 5 A. M. lowered away 4  
boats whaling 4 P. M. boats aboard  
Again larboard Boat darted at a whale  
but did not strike him Bark  
Java. Boiling. Bark active laying off  
And on. so ends Sappan

Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Commences with strong N. E. trades  
and squally weather. 4 boats whaling  
saw a few whales. but did not strike  
any. whaling in company with the  
H. Ketch of Honolulu Bark Courier  
got under way and put to sea. so Ends  
Sappan.



Bark & Swift of New Bedford Laying at a Sunday.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong N.E. trades and squally weather men Employed. whaling 9 P.M. Mr. Jetchel 1<sup>st</sup> officer struck a whale and saved him 5 P.M. got him alongside of the Wm. Rotch Ship Oregon came to anchor - this afternoon so Ends Laying in Japan

Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong N.E. winds and light rain squalls. 4 Boats whaling without success. 2 P.M. Boats aboard 1 Boat crew on board the Wm. Rotch helping for to cut in the hump back. hoisted the topsails and dried them so Ends - Japan

Tuesday

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather Boats whaling Wm. Smith Second officer struck a whale but his Arms Drawed 5 P.M. boats aboard so Ends Japan

Wednesday

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with moderate N.E. trades and fine weather boats whaling Bark Java left for Tinian saw a few whales but did not strike so Ends Laying in Japan --

Thursday

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather 4 Boats whaling saw 4 whales Dashed twice but did not get fast. so Ends Laying in Japan -

Friday

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with light N.E. trades and good weather 4 Boats whaling Wm. Rotch struck another whale and saved him but him in here saw quite a number of whales. got him alongside and got ready for to cut & set off 2 Boats whaling Ship Oregon left for Guam. so Ends Japan



cho at the Island of Olaypan Dr Pontius Mast

Saturday March. 16th 1867

Commences with light N.E. trades and fine weather 5 A.M. lowered 3 boats whaling saw a few whales but did not strike 3 P.M. finished cutting and started the try works. 7 P.M. set boat crews watches. so Ends. Olaypan

Sunday March. 17th. 1867

Commences with light N.E. trades and fine weather Employment - boiling and whaling seen no whales. 4 P.M. boats aboard. & ends. these 24 hours - Olaypan.

Monday March. 18th 1867

Commences with light N.E. trades and pleasant weather finished boiling 4 boats whaling. Wm Rotch's boats struck a whale and drowed - so Ends Olaypan

Tuesday March.

19th 1867. Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather M Smith second officer struck a whale and drowed Wm Rotch struck and saved him 11 P.M. got him along side.

Wednesday March. 20th 1867.

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather boats whaling 9 A.M. M. Smith struck and got stove saved the whale - 1 P.M. got him along side and commenced cutting.

H.B. "S. B."

Thursday March. 21st 1867.

Commences with strong N.E. trades and fine weather boats whaling Wm Rotch struck and saved him. 9 P.M. got him along side - started the try works. so Ends

Friday March 22nd 1867.

Commences with strong trades and good weather boiling 3 boats whaling saw very few whales today 5 P.M. boats aboard - Olaypan



Bark. E. Swift of New Bedford Laying at anchor  
at the Island of Saypan. R. Pontius Master  
Saturday March 23rd. 1867-

Commences with light N.E. trades and  
fine weather 3 boats whaling finished  
boiling at 12. M. saw very few whales  
today. 5 P.M. Boats aboard. so Ends  
Saypan - - -

Sunday March 24th 1867-

Commences with strong N.E. trades  
and fine weather started 2 Boats  
for Saypan in company with 2 of the  
Wm. Ketch boats. when they struck a  
whale but had for to cut. 1. P.M. -  
Arrived in Tinian and struck  
another whale and saved him anchored  
him in 25 fathoms of water and left  
Mr. Gale with the whale. the rest going  
ashore.

Monday March 25th 1867- Tinian  
Commences with light  
N.E. trades and fine weather daylight  
I started for the whale when I found  
the 2nd Officer Mr. Gale had jumped  
overboard and drowned himself. 8 A.M.  
ship came along took the whale  
alongside and worked up to the anchor  
age and let go in 15 fathoms of  
water. 8 P.M. set the watches

Tuesday March 26 1867-

Tinian  
Commences with strong N.E. trades and  
fine weather. 3 Boats whaling the rest  
employed cutting. 11 A.M. Boats aboard  
3 P.M. finished cutting started the try  
works stowed down about 30 lbs of  
oil. 7 P.M. set the watches. so  
Ends. Tinian - - -

Wednesday March 27 1867. Commences with strong N.E.  
trades and fine weather 6 A.M.  
lowered away 3. boats saw no whales  
so 1 M boats aboard. men employed  
breaking out and stowing down oil

Tinian























